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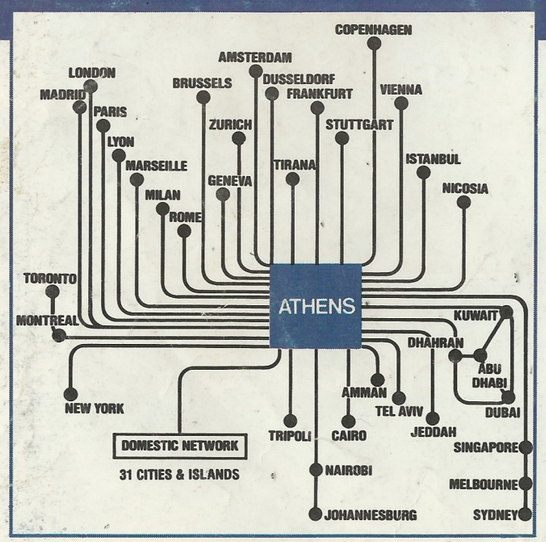

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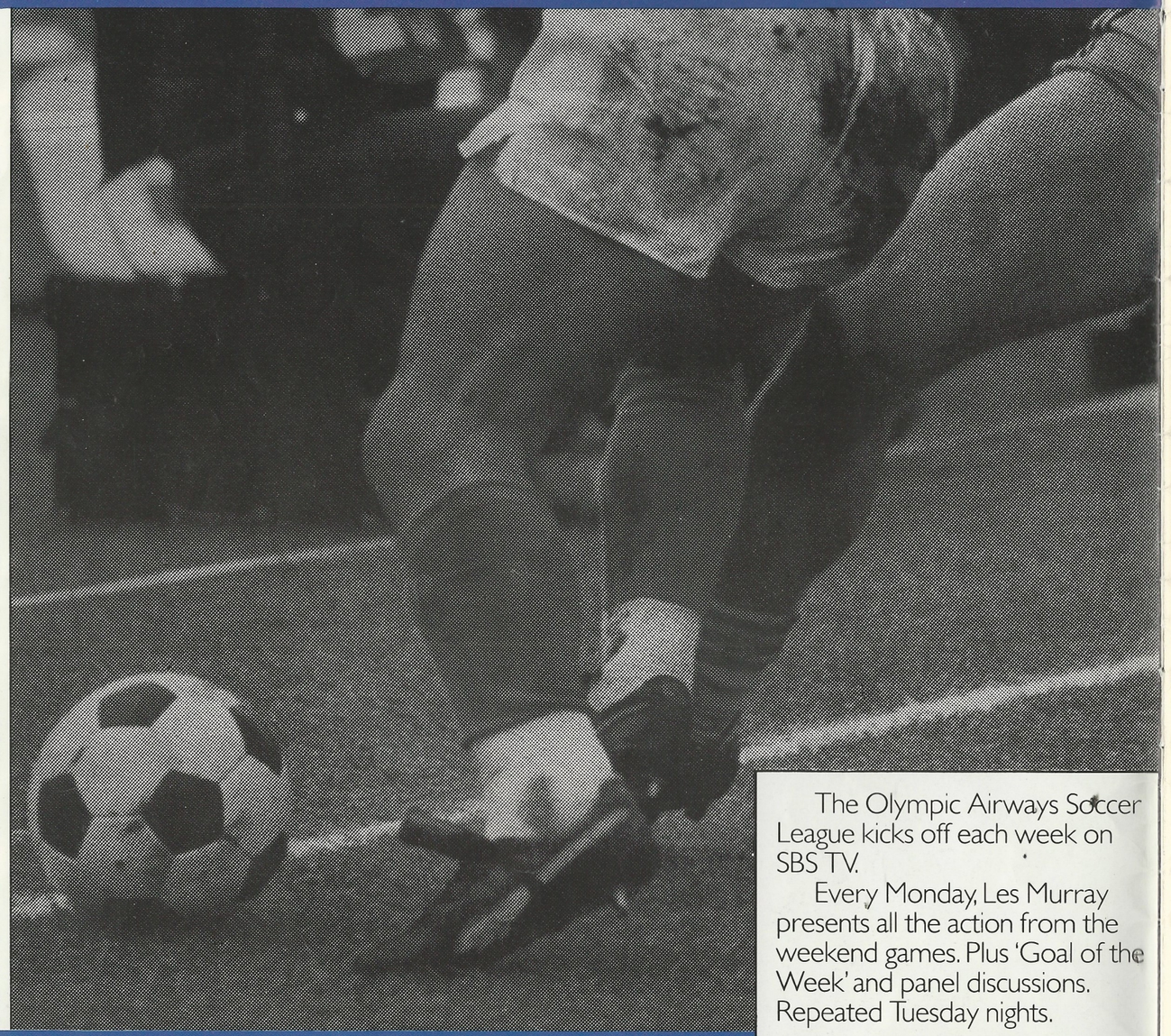

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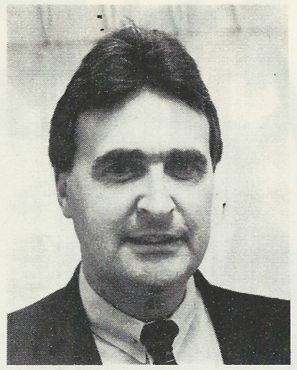

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...

What have the following players in common?

Arno Bertogna, Oscar Crino, Charlie Egan, Frank Farina, Ken Murphy, Alex Robertson, Marshall Soper, John Yzendoorn.

If you have a knowledge of soccer you would realise that they have all represented Australia at international level.

The other common feature, though, and on a gloomier side is that all these players have been sent off this year and are therefore out of the running for the Rothmans Medal.

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A recent article by Sydney Morning Herald soccer writer Ray Gatt highlighted the progress that soccer has made in recent years by comparing the 1985 Australian Squad of 31 players with the 22 man squad which played in the 1974 World Cup.

The present squad has 24 players who were either born here or learnt their soccer here. Of the 7 imports, 4 of them could be described as locals because they have been here for 7 or more years.

The 1974 squad by comparison had 12 players who were either born here or learnt their soccer here. Of the 10 imports, 6 of them had been here for 7 or more years.

Obviously the A.S.F. Policy of restricting visa players has paid some dividends.

For those who don't know, each N.S.L. club is entitled to register a maximum of three visa players on its books at any one time, and also is allowed to register a guest player of 'star quality' for a maximum of six weeks.

A GREAT JOB

National Soccer Monthly is doing a great job and I am enjoying the feature articles very much. What a pity the television stations don't give soccer as good a go as it deserves. Every Sunday night I flip from channel to channel hoping to hear results of league matches and see a bit of the action, but all I ever get is rugby league. I enjoy watching soccer on Channel O but my reception is lousy and I'd like to be able to at least see highlights on the other channels.

P. Bilstein,
Randwick, N.S.W.

Editor's Note: *Good news for SBS viewers. The network (formerly O-28) is in the throes of introducing vast technological improvements which will make its reception not only better but more widespread. —* ***Ed.***

We make no apology for running Theo Fotopoulos' most interesting letter in its entirety. Although usually, letters should be as short as possible for publication purposes, we felt that Theo's letter raised such interesting points (some of which we hope we will be able to carry out in future issues), we thank him very much for his interest.

We are always open to comments and suggestions from our readers and hope that through any communications such as Theo's we may be able to improve our efforts.

Winners of our June Issue's Soccer Snapper Contest and Mitre Quiz will be announced next month

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RIGHT DIRECTION

I was thrilled to discover a new soccer magazine which provides coverage for the prestigious Olympic Airways National Soccer League of Australia (OANSL). This is certainly a move in the right direction in terms of the League's popularity, image and marketability. The National Soccer Monthly (NSM) illuminates the players of the OANSL as no other publication does: it's soccer coverage, presentation, content and particularly the photography (by Les Shorrock and Chris Elfes) is of a very high standard.

NSM's unique approach in relation to content, reflects the individuals who make the "game"; that is, the players that constitute the NSL teams, the coaches, officials, and of course the illustrious clubs that form the OANSL. As a keen follower of the OANSL and now a NSM reader, I would like to suggest the following considerations for future NSM issues:

— inclusion of a 2-page colour centrespread featuring a leading OANSL club, or a colour centrespread of two clubs, one from the North and the other from the South.

— provision of the month's playing lists of each NSL club with their numbers printed for ease of player identification at matches: in the form of a 4-8 page lift-out section printed on lower quality paper, (which already exists successfully in rival code magazines).

— inclusion of a "Top Goalscorers" table for both NSL and Youth League at the last round at NSM's time of print.

— introduction of a young soccer player/fan's club section at the end of NSM, occupying 1-2 pages; for example, a "NSM Supporter's Club": retaining your current prize competition(s) plus a section which embodies soccer tips and facts from NSL palyers and coaches, also including a regular "soccer crossword".

— inclusion of the following month's fixtures and venues in the NSL and Youth League.

— the adoption of a standard four-column page format (similar to the one used in the "Patikos!" article, page 22 NSM No. 2) to create more print space available to NSM, thus facilitating 'more' features and articles.

— feature article(s) on the OANSL's "characters", which constitute a colourful part of the game not readily seen unless present at any of the matches; ranging from Sydney Citys 'bovver boys' to Brunswick Utd's 'Blackbirds'.

— increase promotion and awareness of NSM by the:

(a) Introduction of NSM at newstands under the current price, thus increasing accessibility and exposure to the soccer fan.

(b) Enhancing awareness of NSM in soccer-playing schools and clubs (except for NSL clubs). One idea is to distribute free promotional posters featuring an enlarged NSM colour 'cover' to each of the schools and clubs participating in the sport around Australia.

(c) Plus the inclusion of 'freepost' reply "subscription offer" cards in the NSM, but also the distribution of these cards at the 'same' soccer-playing schools and clubs, therefore potential regular income and circulation is increased.

Concluding, I think NSM will evolve as a major force in the available soccer media, greatly advantaged by its focus on the OANSL's players (or heroes) and complimented by a wide array of other articles.

Congratulations on realising and marketing NSM to fulfill a distinct market demand which has been present for a while now. Keep up the good work.

Theo Fotopoulos,
Earlwood, N.S.W. 2206

CANBERRA CAUSE

Have enjoyed the first three issues of NSM but as a resident of the ACT would love to see something on the Olympic Airways League in our neck of the woods.

Canberra City Olympians are having a fine run while Inter Monaro, after a shaky start, are making a real fight out of the relegation battle. It shouldn't be forgotten that soccer's Australian Institute of Sport programme is conducted in Canberra making the national capital very much a soccer city.

Warren Johns,
Narrabundah, ACT.

GOOD RELATIONS

Stuart Mellings (Men with The Whistle, June NSM) said it all when he pulled out the quote about appealing to a player's professionalism. If all players and referees adhered to that advice, the state of relations between players, refs and coaches would be so much better.

Bob Dean,
Seven Hills, NSW.

HOW FIT?

Kevin Keegan's interview last month yielded a few home truths about the state of the game in Australia. As a fan interested in the standard of the NSL and the conduct of the national team, I was intrigued by Kevin's comments about fitness. If, as he suspects, our players are not as fit as full-time professionals then surely there is some work to do before the Socceroos can think about qualifying for Mexico.

D. Franca,
Morwell, Vic.

LEFT BACKS FOREVER!

Enough of this business about star struck strikers! When was the last time you saw a fullback with his arms raised in the air congratulating himself after clearing a ball off the line? Never. It takes 11 men to make a team and strikers are just part of that arrangement. So, as much as I enjoyed meeting the prime goalscorers in last month's issue, I don't believe they are worthy of special mention. Long live fullbacks and all the less glamourised participants in this greatest of team games.

A. Stead,
Croydon, Vic.

Bobby Russell, South Melbourne's talented fullback.

SOUTH AUSSIE STARTERS

Good on you Frank Arok for giving West Adelaide's Graham Honeyman the nod for Socceroo selection. Long overdue! But why didn't you go all the way and plug for Gary Price and Sergio Melta? These two South Aussie superstars certainly have the grits to do the job for Australia and would help excite real "national" interest in our World Cup preparations.

George Pina,
West Torrens, SA.

POSITIVE CHANGE

I've followed with interest the regular debates about trying to improve soccer's spectator appeal. Wider goals, a 35-metre off-side line, shootouts instead of draws and unlimited substitions have been among the suggestions for consideration. Maybe some of them have merit, but the one area I'd like the game's governors to consider is that of time wasting. If laws creating incentives for teams not to waste time over free kicks, throw ins or passing the ball back to the goalkeeper were introduced, I'm certain we'd receive more entertainment value.

M. Scott,
Margate, Qld.

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THE QUIET MEN

THOMSON, MACCARONE SHOW THE WAY

INTER MONARO — Back row (left to right): Carlo Ambrosino, Gabriel Domazetovich (transfer listed), Michael Hocking, John Walsh, Joe Gagetti, Tony Brennan, Angelo Ambrosino, John Santolin. Front row (left to right): Steve Hoszowski, Andrew Monterosso (transfer listed), Baz Giampaolo, Chris Thamnides, Attilio Carbone, Ricky Budini. Missing: Mike Tuilawa, Harry Williams, Angelo Titilas, Billy Willox. Picture: Les Shorrock

Three years ago, an Italian and a Scotsman joined forces to coach JM United in the New South Wales State League.

JM United was the name given to the amalgamation of Canberra's Juventus club and NSW State League outfit Inter Monaro.

The idea was to direct the efforts of Italian soccer supporters in Canberra and neighbouring Queanbeyan into the one club, but JM failed to unite the long-time rival supporters and within four months the clubs went their separate ways.

So did Frank Maccarone and Roy Thomson. Frank who had coached Inter Monaro to an historic NSW Grand Final win over Sydney Croatia in 1979, drifted out of the game, while Roy went back to Juventus and later joined Canberra Arrows' coaching staff.

Few would have expected that, three years after the failed JM experiment, the two men would be in charge of rival Olympic Airways Soccer League clubs — and with a deal of success as well.

Maccarone has guided Inter Monaro clear of the relegation zone in the club's first season in the top League. And that has only been since April when he took over a depressed and dejected Monaro from Josif Procop.

Thomson leads Canberra City Olympians (formerly Arrows) and has the club in contention for what would be its first-ever play-off berth in the OASL.

It will be a big achievement for the likeable Scotsman, who once explained to me how he spells his surname: "Without a P, as in Eddie!"

Roy Thomson took over as Canberra coach 10 days prior to the start of the season when Doug Collins was dismissed by the club.

As he had been working under Collins, Thomson was well aware of the abilities of the players Collins had assembled in 1984 and wisely maintained the status quo.

That statement is not intended to devalue Thomson's work. He faced two major problems when he took over: filling the positions vacated by George Christopoulos in defence and Frank Farina in attack.

The problem of replacing central defender Christopoulos was alleviated by the return of Englishmen Terry Byrne and Peter Burke following bad leg injuries. Farina's attacking penetration has also been adequately compensated for by the emergence of Manis Lamond.

The 18-year-old from Papua New Guinea was given the freedom by Thomson to do what he does so well — take players on — and he has lived up to his reputation gained in Youth League of being one of, if not the most dynamic young talent in the country.

After a five-week drought, Thomson's Olympians returned to the winner's circle with victories over Penrith and Newcastle — the latter being their first home win of the season.

"We did it the hard way," Thomson said after the 2-1 win over Penrith at Cook Park.

"We disciplined ourselves and give very little away, which was the difference from our previous defeats. We battled for this win, and that was what was needed to break the losing sequence," he said.

Monaro and Frank Maccarone know just what battling is all about.

Maccarone instilled a determined attitude into the Monaro camp and in turn lifted them from the lethargic, bottom-of-the-table which appeared to be heading straight back to State League to the capable OASL outfit they are today.

That spirit has seen Monaro beat Canberra, Blacktown City and Apia Leichhardt and earn draws with high-flying Sydney City and Sydney Croatia recently.

Maccarone, though, is not your average, tracksuited coach.

Here is a friendly, unassuming, diminutive man in an old grey suit, curiously preferring to hunch down next to the bench rather than sit on the seats provided.

And what's more, Maccarone coaches for no financial remuneration!

Maccarone and Thomson are two coaches who have come through the ranks to coach in the top soccer competition in the nation and have played their part in making Canberra City and Inter Monaro teams comparable with any in the OASL.

They've come a long way since those JM days!

— Brad Earl

WE SOCKED IT TO 'EM!

Australia fittingly and deservedly won the International series, in grand style, beating all the other three clubs involved.

Despite the fact that the closing stages of the series were marred by the FIFA ban on English clubs, which for an agonising twelve hours put the appearance of Tottenham Hotspur in doubt, and despite the shadow cast by the assault on referee Don Campbell at the end of the Adelaide double-header, and despite the cynical, brutal tackling and behaviour of the Brazilians in the Grand Final, nothing can be taken away from the Socceroos.

Whilst it has to be appreciated that World Cup football is much sterner stuff, there is no doubt that this win, coupled, one hopes, with a repeat of the same form in the next series at the end of July will see a battle-hardened, experienced and settled squad prepared to go in and battle for their country against the 'old enemy', New Zealand and the rest.

For, make no mistake about it, this team will battle. It no longer goes on the field prepared to accept defeat in any shape or form, and when it comes up against technically superior teams and players, be they South American, Italian, British or whatever, it refuses to stand back and admire, rather it hustles and bustles and refuse to give in.

It used to be said that little Wales, often made up of Third and even Fourth Division players became a team transformed when it pulled on the red shirt, well, nowadays that applies to Australia too. Players that we see every Sunday, often looking quite ordinary, become giants in the green and gold . . . look out New Zealand!

Wednesday, May 29, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Mauricinho 48m)
UDINESE 1 (Carnevale 68m)

Vasco da Gama: Costa, Donato, Nei, Ivan, Lira, Vitor, Gilbert, Oliveira, Mauricinho, (Romario 89m), Dinamite, Romulo (Claudio Jose 72m).
Udinese: Brini, Galparoli, Cattaneo, Susic, De Agostini, Miano, Gerolin (Papais 60m) Mauro, Criscinanni, Robertino (Marcelo 6m) Carnevale.

A crowd of over 20,000 at the MCG for the first of four double-headers in the quadrangular International series had more than it's money's worth with two highly entertaining games of contrasting styles.

In the first game, after a tentative start, Brazilian champion Vasco da Gama and Italian First Division team Udinese both showed all the ball skills we have come to expect from their respective countries.

Diminutive winger Mauricinho put Vasco in front in the third minute of the second half when he caught Udinese goalie Fabio Brini napping with a dipping curling shot from fully 25 metres out on the wing.

Udinese had finished the first half all over the top of Vasco and only Roberto Costa in the Vasco goal kept the Brazilians in the game.

Mauricinho's goal came therefore against the run of play and it took the wind out of Udinese's sails for a while, until Andrea Carnevale climbed high to head home a cross from Massimo Mauro to prove that Italians can play high balls when they want to.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Soper 32m)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

Australia: Greedy, Gomez, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Jennings, Watson, Crino (Patikas 72m), Murphy, Soper (Brown), Kosmina.
Tottenham Hotspur: Clemence, Thomas, Roberts, Miller (Culverhouse 77m), Bowen, Hazard (Crook 77m), Mabbutt, Ardiles, Dick, Leworthy, Falco.

The Socceroos pulled off one of their greatest performances ever in beating a Spurs team that despite the lack of several first-team players nevertheless fought every inch of the way.

Spurs had left behind their long-serving captain, Steve Perryman and striker Garth Crooks, both injured, and had Glen Hoddle, Chris Hughton and Tony Galvin absent on International duty. But the club that had been a leading threat for the English First Division championship until a few weeks from the end still produced a classy-looking line-up that included one of England's best-ever goalkeepers, Ray Clemence, Argentinian World Cup star Ossie Ardiles, England players in Graham Roberts, Mike Hazard and Gary Mabbutt, and a Welsh International, Mark Bowen, standing in for Eire International Chris Hughton.

Livewire Marshall Soper scored the all important goal in the 32nd minute when he picked up a long clearance from Dave Ratcliffe, wrong-footed Graham Roberts and coolly slotted the ball past the despairing Clemence.

Spurs fought the game out right to the end, but Terry Greedy in the Australian goal and sweeper Charlie Yankos played the game of their lives, and the Socceroos stood fast, albeit not without a touch of luck.

Coach Frank Arok, still experimenting to find a replacement for the injured Alan Davidson at full-back tried Gerry Gomez there, and it has to be said that the experiment was a disaster.

Gomez probably considerably shortened the lives of many Socceroo supporters, not to mention that of Frank Arok when his intended back-pass in the 89th minute tore past Greedy and thudded against the base of the upright, and then to safety.

Saturday, June 1, at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

UDINESE 2 (Carnevale 2m, Carcelo 68m)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

Udinese: Fiore, Galparoli, Cattaneo, Susic, De Agostini, Miano, Gerolin, Mauro (Papais 39m), Criscimanni, Miano, Robertino (Montesano 86m), Carnevale (Marcelo 45m).
Tottenham Hotspur: Clemence, Thomas (Culverhouse 78m), Roberts, Miller, Bowen, Hazard, Ardiles, Mabbutt, Dick, Crook (Leworthy 80m), Falco.

Udinese put Tottenham out of the reckoning for the Grand Final with a surprisingly easy win in the first game of Sydney's double-header.

Tottenham players had learned in the morning that they had been barred from Europe in the aftermath of the Brussels affair, and maybe it was still uppermost in their minds when they took the field.

Whatever the reason, they were mentally still in the dressing room when Udinese jumped into the lead two minutes after the start.

Udinese's Brazilian star, Robertino brought the ball up on the right, slipped it into the box and after the defence had miskicked a couple of times, up popped that man Carnevale again to put it away.

Spurs never got into the game after that early setback, and at times seemed to be merely going through the motions.

Carnevale's halftime substitute, another Brazilian 'guest' Marcelo scored a world class goal in the 68th minute to finish Spurs off.

He picked up a pass from Udi's best midfielder, Manuel Gerolin, casually beat Graham Roberts, then dummied him again, and belted the ball past Clemence's groping right hand.

In a final flurry for Spurs, Mark Falco hit the cross-bar, but Udinese well deserved to win and any other result would have been a travesty of justice.

Udinese had a bad scare when their star midfielder, Massimo Mauro who is to join Juventus of Turin later for a mammoth fee, was carried off in pain and rushed to hospital, but happily the suspected broken bone in the foot turned out to be nothing more than a severe bruise.

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Dinamite 17m)
AUSTRALIA 0

Vasco da Gama: Acacio, Donato, Nene, Nei (Milton Mendes 74m), Ivan Vitor, Gilberto, Claudio Jose, Mauricinho, Dinamite, Romulo (Romeiro 67m).

Frank Arok, innovative as ever, brought in Jim Patikas and Zarko Odzakov, leaving out Watson and Ratcliffe from the team that had beaten Spurs, and the two midfielders linked up effectively with Oscar Crino in what could be the Socceroos' best ultimate engine-room.

But Vasco caught out the Socceroos at their own game, the counter-punch. The Brazilians were content to yield possession to the home side, and lured them forward until suddenly, in the 17th minute, a long ball out of defence by Romulo caught O'Connor napping and Roberto Dinamite fastened on to the chance and bear Greedy easily.

After that, Vasco showed its maturity and experience by allowing the Socceroos to dictate the pace and defending coolly and skilfully. In the 60th minute, Donato should have made the score 2-0 after Greedy had punched away a cross, but his shot at an empty goal hit the crossbar.

Wednesday, June 5, Football Park Adelaide.

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Dinamite 35m).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1 (Falco 50m).

Vasco da Gama: Costa, Donato, Nene, Nei, Ivan, Vitor, Gilberto, Claudio Jose (Romario 70m), Mauricinho, Dinamite, Romulo (Geovani 61m).
Tottenham Hotspur: Clemence, Thomas, Roberts, Miller (Culverhouse 77m), Highton, Galvin (Crook 53m), Hazard (Leworthy 60m), Ardiles, Mabbutt, Dick, Falco.

This game was crucial to Australia's chances of reaching the final of the series. The Socceroos needed Spurs to beat Vasco da Gama to make their task easier against Udinese, if Vasco lost, Australia would need only a point from the last game.

Spurs once again disappointed, with Ossie Ardiles in particular well below par.

Australian hopes plummetted in the 35th minute when Roberto Dinamite fired home a cross from Romulo, but Mark Falco put them on terms with themselves again five minutes into the second half when a pass from Mick Hazard found him in the six yard box. Although Falco had his back to goal, he somehow turned and spooned the ball into goal with his 'wrong' foot.

David Leworthy could have won the game for Spurs in the dying minutes, but was thwarted by a great save by Roberto Costa.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Crino 58m, Petersen 82m)
UDINESE 1 (Miano 68m)

Australia: Olver, Yankos, Dunn, Ratcliffe, Jennings, Odzakov, Crino (Petersen 78m), Watson (Patikas 72m), Murphy (Brown 72m), Kosmina, Soper.

Australia went into this game knowing that only a win would do . . . Vasco was already in the Final, and a draw would suffice Udinese.

As it turned out, it was real Roy of the Rovers stuff, melodrama par excellence, with a young player scoring the winner in his first ever International appearance, and after only four minutes on the field, what's more, and not forgetting how a captain, after an indifferent start to the series rallied his men and inspired them to victory.

John Kosmina had been the subject of much criticism, especially after the Sydney defeat at the hands of Vasco, with the critics saying he was too slow, and too physical, but in this match his leadership was outstanding, and his coolness under pressure made both of Australia's goals.

After the failure of the Gomez experiment, Arok boldly plumped to play without a right back at all, and relied on right midfielder Zarko Odzakov to fall back when necessary, and Odzakov did the job to perfection.

Not only did he perform his defensive duties with distinction, but he had time to form an effective partnership with Oscar Crino as well.

Kosmina played the key part in the first Australian goal, after a good overlapping run by Graham Jennings. Jennings passed inside to Kosmina, who held off three opponents until the telling moment when he gave the ball to Crino, who slipped it past the Udinese goalkeeper.

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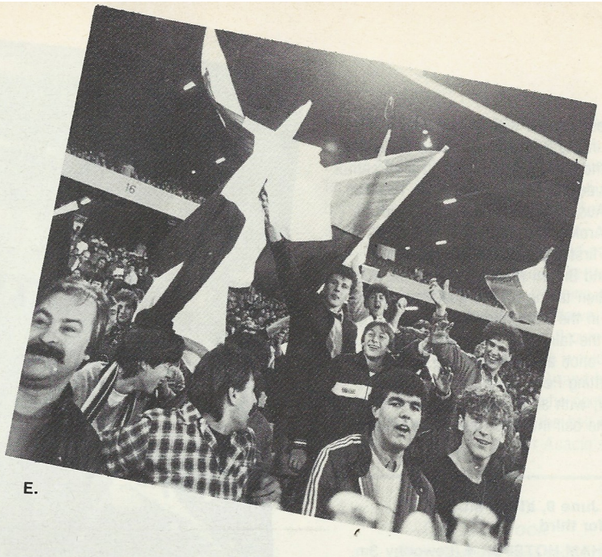

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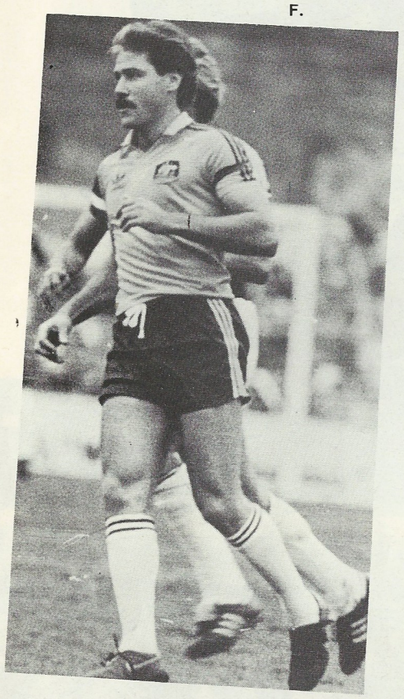

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A. *Cattaneo.*
B. *Fiore.*
C. *Dinamite and Kosmina. All smiles before the final.*
D. *Mauricinho.*
E. *Udinese support.*
F. *Steve O'Connor.*
G. *Happiness.*
H. *Ken Murphy.*

Udinese replied with a goal out of nowhere in the 68th minute when Carnevale squared the ball to Miano who hit a screamer from outside the box that left Olver helpless.

But Australia was not to be denied, as gambler Arok threw caution to the winds replacing first Watson and Murphy with Patikas and Brown respectively, in the 72nd minute, then taking off the goalscorer Crino for Petersen in the 78th minute.

And the fairy tale all came true as Kosmina, once again teased the defence before putting Petersen through and the youngster, with all the aplomb in the world hooked the ball into the roof of the Udinese net.

Sunday, June 9, at the MCG
Play off for third.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 4 (Leworthy 3m, Miller 25m, Susic o.g. 37m, Falco 79m)
UDINESE 1 (Carnevale 43m)

Tottenham Hotspur: Clemence, Thomas, Miller, Roberts, Hughton, Chiedozie (Dick 65m), Ardiles (Hazard 65m), Mabbutt, Galvin (Crook 65m), Leworthy, Falco.
Udinese: Fiore (Brini H.T.), Galaparoli, Susic, Cattaneo (Papais 40m), Gerolin (Pasa 69m), Miano Mauro, Criscimanni, D'Agostini, Carnevale, Marcelo (Montesano H.T.).

When it was all to late Spurs finally showed a glimps of the form expected of them. They cut a lethargic Udinese to ribbons, and the result was never in doubt after David Leworthy put them in front in the second minute.

Tottenham was 'Galvanised' as both Tony Galvin and Chris Hughton, late arrivals after representing Eire, gave us glimpses of their First Division form.

By contrast, Udinese was deplorable in defence, a strange thing to have to say about any Italian First Division team, and goalkeeper Fiore was substituted at halftime after having had a nightmare 45 minutes.

GRAND FINAL

AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 31m & 86m)
VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Romulo 36m)

Australia: Greedy, Yankos, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Jennings, Odzakov, Watson (Patikas 66m), Crino, Murphy (Brown 75m), Kosmina, Soper.
Vasco da Gama: Acacio, Donato, Neil, Nene, Ivan, Claudio Jose (Geovani 65m), Vitor (sent off 89m), Gilberto, Mauricinho, Roberto Dinamite, Romulo.

On a dark and gloomy day, with rain constantly threatening, Australia came of age internationally with its best display in 20 years.

Once again Captain Kosmina was the inspiration, and fittingly, scored the winner with a brilliant goal that any South American maestro would have been proud of.

He scored above the Vasco defence in the 31st minute to head home a cross from David Ratcliffe who had adventured far upfield and stayed there . . . (another surprising turn of tactics from the Socceroos).

Vasco replied in the 36th minute with a shot from Romulo that eluded Greedy's despairing dive and went in off the far post.

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With time running out in the gathering gloom (no-one it seemed had thought to warm-up the MCG lights), it seemed that we were in for another 30 minutes of extra time in near-darkness, but once again a Frank Arok substitution paid off.

This time Rod Brown, who had come on for Murphy in the 75th minute was the hero. With only four minutes left, Kosmina picked up a loose ball and belted it away down the left wing. After a lung-bursting run Brown caught the ball near the corner-flag (he wouldn't have seen it if he hadn't been fresh), and he squared it back to Kosmina, who coolly toyed with Vitor and then swerved the ball into the top corner of the goal, out of Acacio's reach.

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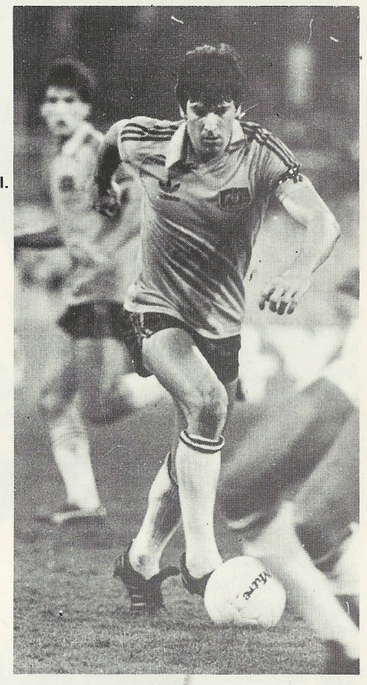

A. *Ally Dick and Papais*
B. *Clemence, Cattaneo, Galvin, Falco, Culverhouse*
C. *Brini goes down to an Ally Dick cross*
D. *Tottenham Hotspur — Back row (left to right): Danny Thomas, Paul Miller, Mark Falco, Tony Galvin, Chris Hughton, Ray Clemence. Front row (left to right): David Leworthy, Graham Roberts, Ossie Ardiles, Gary Mabutt, John Chiedozie.*
E. *Three coaches sing: "2-1, 2-1, 2-1"*
F. *It's getting hot, but Bambridge keeps his cool.*
G. *Dinamite gets past Greedy, but Ratcliffe saves the day*
H. *Vasco da Gama — Back row (left to right): Acacio, Ivan, Vitor, Nei, Donato, Nene. Front row (left to right): Maricinho, Gilberto, Caludio Jose, Roberto Dinamite, Romulo*
I. *Marshall Soper.*

KOZZIE

AUSTRALIA'S CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS TALKS TO BRAD EARL

John Kosmina silenced the critics who were calling for his head as Australian captain when he led the Socceroos to victory in the international series played in Australia last month.

Brad Earl spoke to Australia's most-capped current Socceroo about the pressures of captaincy and his dream of leading his country to the World Cup Finals in Mexico next year.

Brad Earl: In September, Australia begins its World Cup campaign. That month will also mark the third anniversary of your appointment as captain. How important has that position been for you personally?

John Kosmina: It's been, and it is, a great honour to captain your country. It made me change my approach to the game a little, which for a while maybe I tended to worry about it a bit too much. I think I've been lucky because I've been captain of a good side. In my spell as captain things worked out well; we've won two Merlion Cups and we've had fairly successful tournaments in the past 12 months. The tour last year was a bit difficult but I don't think anyone expected us to win every game over there.

It's all been a good learning process for me. I keep coming across different things that will improve me as a player and as a captain each time the team's together.

BE: Has any captain you've played under had a big influence on you?

JK: Peter Wilson was always a guy I admired, especially as a captain. He was a really good leader and I guess he's had a little bit of influence on me, maybe not consciously but subconsciously. Sometimes I think back to when I first got in the team and try to put myself in Willie's situation then, especially with younger guys coming through all the time.

BE: Do you find it hard captaining the team from a forward position?

JK: Yes, I guess you're not involved in the game as much. The ideal thing about being a captain is to lead on the field by some kind of example and being involved all the time makes it a lot easier to do that. As a forward player I spend more time looking at the game going away from it or running along with the game, whereas a centre-half or a sweeper who is watching the game coming towards him can organise things a lot easier. I've got a lot of faith in Dave Ratfcliffe, Steve O'Connor and Charlie Yankos, who are fairly experienced players and should be able to read the game and cover positions.

BE: You said earlier that you've had to change your game since taking on the captaincy.

JK: No, I've probably changed the way I thought about the game. It's probably made me a bit more responsible. It's made me sit back and think that I've got to be a bit more careful about how I approach things and people in general within soccer circles.

BE: National team captaincy has it's off-field duties, which require you to be diplomatic at times, particularly when you're dealing with the media.

JK: Diplomacy's not one of my stronger points when it comes to a lot of the people involved in soccer in an off-field basis. And I think as captain I've probably copped a lot more flack from the press than I would have if I was just another player. Certain incidents that I've been involved in have been highlighted, with the point that you're the captain of Australia, you should be setting an example.

It's probably made me a few enemies. I think there are a few guys who don't get on with me or don't like me personally, which I don't really give a damn about. Or maybe they think I shouldn't have the job as captain — but I intend to stay there.

BE: In articles this year you have been described as arrogant and intolerant.

JK: Well, I am a bit intolerant. I see a lot of things going on in the game which I think are wrong, and I'm pretty sure that I'm right because I've had a fairly solid upbringing on the administrative side of things. I had to cop heaps as a youngster because my father was always involved with the club that I was playing with or with the state federation. There were lots of things that I saw that could have improved the game, things that he used to get involved in. It really makes you sit up and take notice. Some of the politics involved in soccer's a joke, and that type of thing makes me pretty intolerant. There's a greater majority of people involved in the petty politics than people who are trying to really do good for the game as a whole.

Secondly, there are a few guys within the media who I just don't get along with. They're nice to your face but as soon as you turn your back out come the knives. I prefer to stay right out of it because I haven't got a lot of respect for a few of them. I've read articles written about games that I've played in or seen and I think: "Was I at another game?"

BE: There was a call in the media to have you replaced as captain during the recent international series.

JK: The major article that I heard about — I only read about it afterwards — was in the Melbourne Age. I was likened to Kim Hughes last November, which I thought was a pretty pathetic comparison.

BE: That call came after you had average games against Tottenham and Vasco de Gama, but you silenced your critics with outstanding performances against Udinese and Vasco in the final series.

JK: I sat back and had a real think about the first two games. I realised how much running I was doing away from the front third, which is where a striker should be doing most of his damage. I was probably spending 75 percent of my energy defensively and 25 percent offensively. So I thought I'd even it out a bit more, and it paid dividends, particularly against Udinese. I had a little bit of luck in the final, scoring a couple of goals, because I'd been having a bad trot in front of goal.

BE: On the club scene with Sydney City, do you think you were in a bit of a slump in the first half of the season?

JK: I started off well, with six goals in three games, but my game went off, probably because I started to spend a little bit more time thinking about my work than my game. I once read an article by a psychologist who said you can't have a successful family life, a successful job and be successful at sport. One of them's got to suffer for another one to succeed. I was pushing pretty hard to do all three and still to a degree that is right. I ended up concentrating more on my work and my family, so I guess the soccer suffered. But things have settled down and my work's a lot easier now. I think I needed that international series as well to get my mind back on the game.

Also with Sydney City things have changed. We've got about four guys who have all got six goals apiece or thereabouts, and we've got another couple with three or four. Whereas in previous seasons I've had 12 or 15 goals and the next closest had six, this year the goalscoring's been spread amongst four or five blokes, which is probably better for the team because you're not relying on one person all the time.

BE: Talking about goals, do you rate your goal which won the match and the series for Australia against Vasco de Gama as one of your best?

JK: Yes, I think I'd have to, considering the circumstances it was scored under. I scored one like that in the League last year which I was quite pleased about, but it certainly wasn't worth $100,000! And it wasn't in the last four minutes of the game either.

BE: Can you recap how you scored that goal?

JK: I knocked the ball into the corner for Browny (Rod Brown) to run on to, and I actually thought he wasn't going to catch it. I was talking to him about it afterwards and he said he thought he would have caught it. He thought the ball was going to hold up so he didn't go at it flat out, until he realised that it was going to roll over the line and he had to make a last-minute dash for it. He knocked it back across the face and it fell right at my feet. I turned on it and there wasn't that much on, so I thought: "I'll just give this a little bit of curl here and see what happens." And fortunately it went right in the corner.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE

SCORES & TABLES

ROUND 8
Deferred Fixtures
Northern Division

29th June
SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 1
Kosmina
MARCONI.....(1) 1
Sharne

Sydney Athletic Field

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodriques (De Marigny), Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Gomez, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Fletcher (Kay), Kosmina.
Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Rizzotto, Gray, Mason, Tredinnick, Lowe, Sharne, Brown.

4th July
LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
McBride
ST. GEORGE.....(1) 4

St. George Stadium

Leichhardt: Catlin, Sterrey, Mariani, Steven, Brown, McCulloch, Butler, Hamilton, Caban (Genovese), McBride, Morsello.
St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka, Ricoy, Bozanic (Green), Petkovski (Cotton), J. O'Shea, Morgan, Slater.

ROUND 12
Northern Division

26th May
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Dickson
LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0

Wollongong Showground

Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Dickson, Willis, Gaffney, Kerr, Hristovski, Bundalo, Godzik, Marton, Nees (Kotamanidis).
Leichhardt: Parks, Cassachia, Rowden, Mariani, Brown, Butler, Colagiuri (Genovese), Hamilton, Caban, De Ceglie, Morsello.

MARCONI.....(0) 0
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(2) 2
Patikas, Arnold

Marconi Stadium

Marconi: McPherson, Carter (Gunning), Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Tredinnick, Brown, Jankovics.
Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic (Tomasic), Rozic, Vidaic, Rezo, Basic, Odzakov (A. Kovacic), Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Patikas.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 2
Provan, Soper
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0

Pratten Park

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic, Jennings, Phillips, Patalis (Ogun), Svinos, Provan (Koussas), Soper, Kalantzis.
Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogard, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Milosevic (Brandt), Todd, Kerby.

ST. GEORGE.....(1) 3
Ricoy, Bozanic, Ratcliffe
Penrith City.....(1) 2
Licata, Wotherspoon

St. George Stadium

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Green, Bozanic (Petkovski), J. O'Shea, Ricoy, Slater, Morgan, Cotton (Koczka).
Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth (Toohey), Campbell, Cross, Wotherspoon, Hebb, Jackson, Hunter (Jones), Easthorpe, Licata.

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Phillips
INTER MONARO.....(1) 2
Brennan (2)

National Sports Centre

Canberra City: Franken, Mihailides, Dunne, Bryne, Ontong, Sermanni, Farrell (Harkins), Bryant, Lamond, English (Gibson), Phillips.
Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Williams, Budini, Titilas, Walsh, Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox, Thamnidis (Monterossa), Giampaolo, Brennan.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1
O'Connor
SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 2
Fletcher, Gomez

Gabbie Stadium

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Daley, Bourke, Rasmussen, Selvage, Thornthwaite, (Battalico), Knight, McKie, Bradley, O'Connor.
Sydney City: Pezzano, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Watson, Lee, Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Fletcher.

ROUND 12
Southern Division

26th May
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 1
Valentine
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
McLaren

Olympic Village

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Valentine, Tasios, Christopoulos, Patterson, Stevenson, Selemedis.
Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, James, Richardson, Bennett, Taylor, Bain, Faulkner, McLaren, Istuk (Lennon), Mitten, Gilder.

PRESTON.....(2) 2
Dunn, Smith
FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 0

Connor Reserve

Preston: Traianides, Heys, Dobson, Dunn, Opasinis, Ilioski, Flavell, Lane, Smith, Cole (McMillan), Spink (Petrov).
Footscray: Vlajnic, Petrov, MacLeod, Kyriakouleas, Barjaktarevic, Curovic (Paton), Karic, Tapai, Carroll, Buljevic, Lujic.

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Egan

Green Gully

Green Gully: Denys, Williams, Young, McLelland, Cannell, Hogben, Vassallo, Lloyd, Campbell, Lewis, Lucchesi.
South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, McDowell, Bozinovski, Halford, Murphy, Egan, Brown.

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(0) 0
WEST ADELAIDE.....(1) 1
Price

Olympic Park No. 2

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie (Zinni), Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Incantalupo, Cullen, Sweeney.
West Adelaide: Crook, Hiern, Honeyman, Brown, Moussovlis (Panagis), Manou, Atsalas, Genikas, Scott, Konstandepoulos (Stefanopoulos), Price.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 3
Karadzic, Melta, Maxwell
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0

Olympic Sports Field

Adelaide City: McNally, Melta, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin, Santrac, Northcote, Mullen, Maxwell, Villani, Karadzic (Costanzo).
Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, Parton, Hannah, Antolovic, Campbell, Deankovic, Cumming, Gajevic, Ward, Markovac.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(P)
BRISBANE CITY.....(P)
Postponed due to Queensland Tour of Fiji.

ROUND 13
Northern Division

2nd June
INTER MONARO.....(1) 2
Willox (2)
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 1
McKie

Seiffert Oval

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Williams, Budini, Tuilawa, Titilas, A. Ambrosino (Santolin), Carbone, Willox, Giampaolo, Brennan, Thamnides (Monterosso).
Blacktown City: Heare, Skellern, Daley, Pointer, Rasmussen, Burke, Selvage, Knight (Larkin), O'Connor, Bradley, McKie (Thornthwaite).

19th June
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0
MARCONI.....(1) 2
Carter, Brown

Adamstown Oval

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Power (Todd), Boogard, M. Jones, Senkalski, McQuarrie, Kerby, Stewart, Brandt, D. Jones (Milosevic).
Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Gray, Mason, Tredinnick, Brown, Lowe, Jankovics (Sharne).

21st June
PENRITH CITY.....(1) 1
Wotherspoon
CANBERRA CITY.....(2) 2
Lamond (2)

Cook Park

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Cross, Campbell, Wotherspoon, Hebb, Toohey, Hunter, Jones (Shute), Licata (Easthorpe).
Canberra City: Franken, Mihailides, Burke, Harkins, Bryant, Gibson, Byrne, Dunn, Sermanni, Lamond, English.

22nd June
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(3) 5
Krncevic (2), Jurin, Arnold, Patikas
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) 1
Willis

Croatian Sports Centre

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, A. Kovacic, Rozic, Vidaic, Tomasic, Patikas, Krncevic (M. Kovacic), Savor, Odzakov, Arnold, Jurin (Dragicevic).
Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Dickson, Gaffney, Bundalo, Kerr (Godzik), Hristovski, Brodnik, Kotamanidis.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 3
Provan (2), Koussas
ST. GEORGE.....(1) 1
Bozanic

Pratten Park

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Stankovic, Ziras, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Johnson, Patalis, Provan, Soper (Koussas), Kalantzis.
St. George: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Green, Bozanic, Ratcliffe, Ricoy, Slater, Morgan, Barton (Cotton).

SYDNEY CITY.....(P)
LEICHHARDT.....(P)
Match Postponed

ROUND 13
Southern Division

2nd June
FOOTSCRAY.....(3) 3
Kodjo, Paton, Angele (o.g.)
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 3
Tasios, Stevenson, Selemidis

Schintler Reserve

Footscray: Boland, Karic, Barjaktarevic, Kodjo, MacLeod, Belic, Tapai, Bonacic, Paton, Buljevic, Lujic.
Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Marley (Winn), Angele, Yankos, Christopoulos, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios, Stevenson, Patterson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 3
Brown (2), Egan
PRESTON.....(0) 0
Middle Park
South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Yzendoorn, Blair, Halford, McDowell, Murphy, Crino, Egan, Brown
Preston: Wilson, Opasinis, Heys, Dunn, Dobson, Flavell, Ilioski, Spink, Smith (McMillan), Lane (Petrov), Cole.

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 2
Sweeney (2)

Green Gully

Green Gully: Denys, Young, Hogben, McLelland, Williams, Cannell, Campbell, Lloyd, Smart, Lewis, Lucchesi.
Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Wade, Petersen (Incantalupo), Miranda, Cullen, Sweeney, Zinni.

WEST ADELAIDE.....(3) 5
Price (3), Scott, Honeyman
BRISBANE LIONS.....(1) 3
Niven, J. Stewart, Wright

Hindmarsh Stadium

West Adelaide: Crook, Atsalas, Brown, Hiern Honeyman, Konstandopoulos, Scott, Genikas (Panagis), Manou, Price, Moussoulis.
Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, A. Redmond (Daunt), Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, P. Redmond, Wright.

BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 2
Scriggins, Bromfield
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 1
Mullen

Spencer Park

Brisbane City: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Mengotti, Pimblett, Hamilton, Reis, Scriggins (Glockner), Lettieri (Archer).
Adelaide City: McNally, Santrac, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Northcote, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Karadzic.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1) 1
Campbell
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(1) 1
Latif

Olympic Park No. 1

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, Parton, Hannah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Campbell, Gejevic, Ward, Cumming, Markovac.
Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, James, Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Faulkner, Bain, MacLaren, Mitten, Gilder, Latif.

ROUND 14
Northern Division

9th June
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 1
O'Connor
PENRITH CITY.....(1) 1
Jones

Gabbie Stadium

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Daley, Pointer, Rassmussen, Selvage, Bradley, Burke, Larkin, McKie, O'Connor.
Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Toohey, Hebb, Wotherspoon, Licata, Jackson, Easthorpe, Jones (Hunter).

10th June
ST. GEORGE.....(0) 0
MARCONI.....(0) 1
Gray

St. George Stadium

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka (Cotton), Ardiles, J. O'Shea, Green (Petkovski), Ricoy, Morgan, Slater.
Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan (Driene), Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Jankovics, Lowe, Brown.

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Lamond
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 3
Soper, Kalantzis, Ogun

National Sports Centre

Canberra City: Franken, Jones, Harkins, (Mihailidis), Byrne, Ontong, Gibson, Sermanni, Dunn (Perinovic), Bryant, Phillips, Lamond.
Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic (Johnston), Jennings, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Ogun, Provan, Soper, (Patalis), Kalantzis.

LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0
INTER MONARO.....(1) 1
Giampaolo

Lambert Park

Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown, Hamilton, McCulloch, De Ceglie (Genovese), Butler, Caban, Marsello (Rowden).
Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Titilas, Budini, Williams, Willox, Carbone (Santolin), Ambrosino, Brennan, Giampaolo, D'Addario, Thamnides (Welsh).

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(2) 2
Arnold
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0

Croatian Sports Centre

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Basic, Rozic, Vidaic, Rezo, M. Kovacic, Savor, Odzakov (Dragicevic), Jurin (Clinch), Arnold, Patikas.
Newcastle Rosebud United: Dorman, Maier, Boogard, M. Jones, Owens, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Milosevic (Stewart), Todd, Brandt.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Hristovski
SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 1
Lee

Wollongong Showground

Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Dickson, Willis, Vlietstra, Gaffney, Kerr, Bundalo (Kotamanidis), Hristovski, Godzik, Marton.
Sydney City: Pezzano, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Fletcher.

ROUND 14
Southern Division

9th June
BRISBANE LIONS.....(1) 3
Niven, Bassingthwaite, Daunt
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Smallman

Richlands

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, McSkimming (Redmond), Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, Ogden, J. Stewart, Bassingthwaite, Daint, Wright.
Green Gully: Denys, Young, Cannell, McLelland, Murray, Smallman, Williams, Smart (Lloyd), Lewis, Lucchesi, Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(3) 4
Northcote, Villani, Vidmar, Brown (O.G.)
WEST ADELAIDE.....(1) 1
Hiern

Olympic Sports Field

Adelaide City: McNally, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Maxwell, Northcote, Santrac, Vidmar, Villani, Mullen.
West Adelaide: Crook, Honeyman, Brown, Hiern, Atsalas, Scott, Manou, Panagis, Genikas, Konstandopoulos, Price.

10th June
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(0) 2
Sweeney, Zinni
PRESTON.....(0) 0

Olympic Park No. 2

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Zinni, Peterson, Miranda, Wade (Incantalupo), Cullen, Sweeney.
Preston: Wilson, McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Heys, Iliaski, Flavell, Opasinis, Lane, Smith, Cole.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 3
Latif (2), Gilder.
BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0

Chaplin Reserve

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, James, Richardson, Bennett, Taylor, Lennon (Mitten), Faulkner, McLaren, Bain, Gilder, Latif.
Brisbane City: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Milovanovic (Junna), Pimblett, Archer (Glockner), Scriggins, Hamilton, Reis.

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Yzendoorn

Schintler Reserve

Footscray: Boland, Kyriakouleas, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Belic (Carroll), Kodjo, Tapai, Bonacic, Buljevic, Paton, Lujic.
South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, McDowell, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 0
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 1
Gojevic

Olympic Village

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKei, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios (Metaxas), Stevenson, Winn, Patterson.
Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, Curcio, McIntosh, Hannah, Campbell, Antolovic, Cristaldo, Markovac, Ward, Gojevic.

ROUND 15
Northern Division

15th June
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 3
Power, McQuarrie, Stewart
ST. GEORGE.....(1) 4
Morgan (3), Slater

Adamstown Oval

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Powers, Boogaard, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Stewart, Todd (Milosevic), D. Jones.
St. George: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Green Bozanic (Petkovski), Ratcliffe, J. O'Shea, Ricoy, Slater, Morgan, Barton (Koczka).

16th June
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1) 3
Provan (2), Kalantzis
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(2) 2
Bradley, Larkin

Pratten Park

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers (Haniotis), Lampropoulos, Raskopoulos, Jennings, Ogun (Svinos), Patalis, Provan, Soper, Kalantzis, Johnston.
Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern (Bottalico), Pointer, Daley, Bourke, Selvage, Knight (Thornthwaite), McKie, Bradley, Larkin, O'Connor.

SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 2
De Marigny, Kosmina
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 0

Sydney Athletic Field

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Watson, Gomez, De Marigny, Lee, Kosmina, Fletcher.
Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Basic (Clinch), Rozic, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor (Caleta), M. Kovacic, Odzakov, Dragicevic, Arnold, Patikas.

INTER MONARO.....(1) 1
Carbone
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Bundalo

National Sports Centre

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Williams, Santolin, Budini (Titilas), Tuilawa, Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox, Giampaolo, Brennan (Walsh), Thamnidis.
Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Willis, Vlietstra, Gaffney, Dickson, Bundalo, Kerr, Marton, Kotamanidis (Brodnik), Godzik.

PENRITH CITY.....(0) 0
LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Bertogna

Cook Park

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Toohey, Campbell, Hebb, Wotherspoon, Hunter, Easthorpe, Jones, Jackson (Carbone), Licata.
Leichhardt: Catlin, Cassachia, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown, Butler, Hamilton, Steven, Caban, De Ceglie (Genovese), Marsello.

MARCONI.....(1) 4
Brown (2), Jankovics, Lowe
CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 1
Gibson

Marconi Stadium

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson (Sharne), Sterey, Rizzotto, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Jankovics, Brown.
Canberra City: Franken, Ontong (Dunn), Jones, Harkins, Burke, Sermanni, Byrne, Bryant, Lamond (English), Phillips, Gibson,.

ROUND 15
Southern Division

15th June
GREEN GULLY.....(1) 2
Lucchesi, Lewis
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 3
Maxwell (2), Northcote

Green Gully

Green Gully: Denys, Williams, Cannell, McLelland, Murray, Smallman, Vassallo (Lloyd), Campbell, Hogben, Lucchesi, Lewis.
Adelaide City: McNally, Melta, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin, Mullen, Santrac, Northcote, Maxwell, Villani, Vidmar (Costanza).

16th June
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 1
Bonacic

Olympic Park No. 4

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell (Ljubic), Antolovic, Cristaldo, Markovac, Gojevic, Ward.
Footscray: Boland ,Barjaktarevic, Kyriakouleas, McLeod, Karic, Tapai, Kodjo, Bonacic, Belic, Paton (Carroll), Lujic (Buljevic).

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 3
Stevenson (2), Tsolakis

Carrara Complex Southport

Brisbane City: Wishart, Archer, Milovanovic, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Hamilton, Pimblett, Fabrizio, Scriggins (Lettieri), Carey (Junna), Bromfield.
Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Yankos, Angele, Marley, Metaxas (Deligiannis), Christopoules, Tasios (Gabrielson), Selemidis, Stevenson, Tsolakis.

WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
Faulkner

Hindmarsh Stadium

West Adelaide: Crook, Brown, Honeyman, Hiern, Gerikas, Manou, Atsalas, Panagis (Stefanopoulos), Matiscak, Price, Konstandopoulos.
Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Scerri, Richardson, James, Taylor, Mitten, Faulkner, McLaren (Campelj), Bain, Gilder, Latif.

PRESTON.....(2) 4
Spink (2), Smith, Lane
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0

Connor Reserve

Preston: Traianedes, McMillan, Dobson (Piculovski), Dunn, Heys, Ilioski, Petrov, Opasinis, Lane, Smith, Spink.
Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, Hunter, R. Stewart, Hunter, Bassingthwaite, J. Stewart, Ogden, Daunt (McGregor), Redmond (Vasquez), Wright.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 1
Egan
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 3
Lewis, Petersen, Sweeney

Middle Park

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn (Anezakis), Postecoglou, McDowell, Bozinovski, Halford, Murphy, Egan, Brown.
Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Miranda Campbell, Wade, Zinni, Petersen, Cullen, Sweeney.

ROUND 16
Northern Division

22nd June
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0
PENRITH CITY.....(0) 0

Wollongong Showground

Wollongong City: Velkov, Green, Willis, Vlietstra, Gaffney, Bundalo, Marton, Hristovski, Godzik (Kotananidis), Dickson, Stefanovski (Brodnik).
Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth (Toohey), Campbell, Cross, Wotherspoon, Hunter (Shute), Hebb, Easthorpe Jones, Licata.

SYDNEY CITY.....(2) 2
Barnes, Kosmina
INTER MONARO.....(1) 2
A. Ambrosino, Willox

Sydney Athletic Field

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodriques, Gomez, Robertson, Cant, Watson, Barnes, De Marigny, Lee, Kosmina, Fletcher.
Inter Monaro: Hocking, Tuilawa, Santolin, Gagetti, Williams, A. Ambrosino, Carbone, C. Ambrosino (Rusch), Willox, Carbone, Walsh.

CANBERRA CITY.....(2) 3
Byrne, Sermanni, Lamond
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(1) 1
Stewart

National Sports Centre

Canberra City: Franken, Bryant, Harkins, Burke, Mihailides, Sermanni, Byrne, Dunn, English, Lamond, Gibson.
Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Power, M. Jones, Kerby (Milosevic), Maier, McQuarrie, D. Jones, Senkovski, Stewart, Brandt, Todd.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 0
MARCONI.....(0) 2
Brown, Lowe

Gabbie Stadium

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Pointer, Daley, Bourke, Selvage, Bradley, Knight (Thornthwaite), Larkin (Bottalico), McKie, O'Connor.
Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Gray, Mason, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, Sharne.

LEICHHARDT.....(0) 1
Marsello
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(2) 2
Raskopoulos, Johnson

Lambert Park

Leichhardt: Catlin, Cassachia, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown, Butler, Steven, Hamilton (Colagiuri), Caban, Dounis, Marsello.
Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Ziras (Lampropoulos), Stankovic, Jennings, Johnson, Raskopoulos, Patalis, Provan (Koussas), Soper, Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 2
Patikas, Krncevic
ST. GOERGE.....(1) 2
Petkovski, Morgan

Croatian Sports Centre

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Basic (Savor), Rozic, Vidaic, Rezo, M. Kovacic, Krncevic, Odzakov, Jurin (Dragicevic), Patikas, Arnold.
St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka (Bozanic), Petkovski, Stone, J. O'Shea, Ricoy, Cotton (Barton), Morgan.

ROUND 16
Southern Division

23rd June
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 1
Tasios
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0

Olympic Village

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Metaxas, Christopoulos, Tasios, Tsolakis, Selemidis, Stevenson.
West Adelaide: Crook, Kiern, Brown, Honeyman, Moussoulis, Panagis, Manou, Atsalas, Genikas, Price, Stefanopoulos.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(2) 4
Ljubic (2), Biskic, Ward
BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 1
Carey

Olympic Park No. 1

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, McIntosh, Antolovic, Hannah, Biskic, Cristaldo (Markovac), Campbell, Ward, Gojevic, Ljubic (House).
Brisbane City: Wishart, Archer (Reis), Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Mengatti, Pimblett, Hamilton, Fabrizio (Junna), Scriggins, Carey.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 1
Bassingthwaite
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 1
Brown

Richlands

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, D. Hunter, A. Hunter, Vasquez, Bassingthwaite, J. Stewart, Ogden, T. Redmond, McDonagh, R. Stewart, McGregor (Anderson).
South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Yzendoorn (Vardaxis), McDowell, Anezakis, Bozinovski, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Egan, Brown.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 1
Mullen
PRESTON.....(0) 2
Smith, Spink

Olympic Sports Field

Adelaide City: McNally, Melta, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin, Santrac, Northcote, McAdam (Costanzo), Maxwell, Villani, Mullen.
Preston: Traianedes, Opasinis, Dobson, Dunn, McMillan, Ilioski, Petrov, Lane, Smith, Cole, Spink.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 2
McLaren, Gilder
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0

Chaplin Reserve

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Bennett, James, Richardson, Taylor, Faulkner, McLaren, Bain, Mitten, Gilder, Latif (Lennon).
Green Gully: Denys, Murray, McLelland, Cannell, Hogben, Vassallo (Smart), Williams, Smallman, Campbell, Lucchesi, Lewis.

FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 1
Karic
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 1
Cullen

Schintler Reserve

Footscray: Boland, Barjaktarevic, McLeod, Kyriakouleas, Karic, Tapai, Kodjo, Buljevic, Belic, Paton, Lujic.
Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Dowie, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Zinni (Incantalupo), Sweeney, Cullen.

ROUND 17
Northern Division

29th June
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 3

Adamstown Oval

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, M. Jones, Power, Boogard, Thompson, Maier, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Stewart, Todd, Brandt.
Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Daley, Porter, Bourke, Thornthwaite, Selvage, Bradley, McKie, O'Connor, Larkin.

30th June
PENRITH CITY.....(1) 1
Jones
SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 2
Lee, Gomez

Cook Park

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Hebb, Campbell, Cross, Toohey, Easthorpe, Wotherspoon, Jones, Licata.
Sydney City: Pezzano, Cant (Rodrigues), O'Connor, Robertson, De Marigny, Barnes, Gomez, P. Falconer (Kay), Watson, Kosmina, Lee.

INTER MONARO.....(1) 1
Walsh
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 1
Savor

National Sports Centre

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Williams, Titilas, Budini, Tuilawa, A. Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox, Thamnides (Brennan), Giampaolo, Walsh.
Sydney Croatia: Watson, Basic, Rozic, Vidaic, Rezo, Odzakov (M. Kovacic), Patikas, Savor, Jurin, Arnold (Dragicevic), Krncevic.

MARCONI.....(1) 4
Gray (2), Jankovics, Treddinnick
LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0

Marconi Stadium

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Rizzotto, Tredinnick, Mason, Gray, Sharne (Jankovics, Calderan), Brown, Lowe.
Leichhardt: Catlin, Spina, Bertogna (Colagiuri), Mariani, Brown, McCulloch, Butler, Steven, Caban (Genovese), McBride, Morsello.

ST. GEORGE.....(1) 1
Ratcliffe
CANBERRA CITY.....(1) 1
Dunn

St. George Stadium

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka, J. O'Shea, Stone (Slater), Ricoy, Petkovski, Morgan, Cotton.
Canberra City: Franken, Mihailides, Harkins, Bourke, Bryant, Sermanni, Byrne, Dunn, Gibson, Lamond, English.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 1
Polias
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0

Pratten Park

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Lampropoulos (Ziras), Stankovic, Jennings, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Svinos (Polias), Soper, Patalis, Kalantzis.
Wollongong City: Velkov, Green, Vliestra, Willis, Gaffney, Marton, Bundalo, Dickson, Hristovski, Godzik, Brodnik (Kotamanidis).

ROUND 17
Southern Division

30th June
PRESTON.....(1) 2
Ilioski, Lane
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(1) 1
Faulkner

Connor Reserve

Preston: Traianedes, McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Opasinis, Ilioski, Petrov, Cole, Lane, Spink, Smith (Heys).
Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, James, Richardson, Bennett, Taylor, Mitten, Faulkner, McLaren, Lennon, Gilder, Latif.

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 2
Petersen, Zinni
BRISBANE LIONS.....(1) 1
Ogden

Olympic Park No. 2

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Dowie, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Petersen, Miranda, Incantalupo, Cullen, Sweeney (Zinni).
Brisbane Lions: Evans, R. Stewart, Vasquez, A. Hunter, D. Hunter, Bassingthwaite, J. Stewart, Odgen (Jackson), Wright, McDonagh, Redmond (Anderson).

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 1
Egan, Brown
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 1
Melta

Middle Park

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, McDowell, Blair, Postecoglou, Crino, Halford, Bozinovski (Kalogeros), Murphy, Brown, Egan.
Adelaide City: McNally, Melta, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin, Mullen, Santrac, Villani, Maxwell, Costanzo (Miller), Vidmar (Luongo).

GREEN GULLY.....(0) 1
Campbell
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 1
Tsolakis

Green Gully Reserve

Green Gully: Denys, Young, McLelland, Cannell, Hogben, Cumming (Smart), Smallman, Williams, Campbell, Lucchesi, Lewis.
Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Metaxas, Christopoulos (Winn), Tasios, Tsolakis (Gabrielson), Stevenson, Selemidis.

WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 3

Hindmarsh Stadium

West Adelaide: Crook, Hiern, Honeyman, Brown, Moussoulis, Atsalas, Manou, Genikas (Stametleopoulos), Panagis, Price, Stefanopoulos.
Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Curcio, McIntosh, Hannah, Antolovic, Campbell, Cristaldo, Biskic, Gejevic, Ward, Ljubic (House).

BRISBANE CITY.....(2) 3
Reis, Carey, Pimblett
FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 2
Belic, Lujic

Spencer Park

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Pimblett, Hamilton, Junna, Carey (Archer), Reis (Scriggins), Fabrizio.
Footscray: Boland, Karic, MacLeod, Kyriakouleas, Barjaktarevic, Tapai, Belic, Bonacic, Kodjo, Paton (Buljevic), Lujic.

POOLS
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JACKPOTS UNTIL SOMEBODY WINS

ROUND 18
Northern Division

7th July
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 1
Patikas
CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 0

Croatian Sports Centre

Sydney Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Rozic, Tomasic, Rezo, Clinch, Savor, Odzakov, Jurin (Dragicevic), Arnold, Patikas (Kero).
Canberra City: Franken, Mihailides, Harkins, Burke, Bryant, Dunn, Byrne, Sermanni, Gibson, Lamond, English.

INTER MONARO.....(1) 3
Cross (O.G.), Giampaolo, Willox
PENRITH CITY.....(0) 1
Campbell

Seiffert Oval

Inter Monaro: Hocking, Williams, Titilas, Budini, Tuilawa, A. Ambrosino, Santolin, Willox, Giampaolo, Walsh (Brennan), Thamnides.
Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Hebb, Cross, Wotherspoon, Campbell, Toohey, Licata (Hunter), Easthorpe, Jones.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(2) 2
Marton, Brodnik
MARCONI.....(0) 3
Lowe (3)

Wollongong Showground

Wollongong City: Velkov, Green, Vliestra, Willis, Gaffney, Marton, Bundalo, Kotaminidis, Hristovski (Kerr), Godzik, Brodnik.
Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Calderan, Rizzotto, Gray, Mason, Tredinnick, Sharne, Lowe, Brown.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0) 0
ST. GEORGE.....(1) 3
Slater (2), Morgan

Gabbie Stadium

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Pointer, Daley (Spanos), Bourke, Selvage, Thornthwaite, Bradley, Larkin, McKie, Van Egmond (O'Connor).
St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka, Ricoy, Bozanic (Green), Petkovski (Cotton), J. O'Shea.

LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Steven
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 0

Lambert Park

Leichhardt: Catlin, Sterrey, Rowden, Mariani, Brown, McCulloch, Hamilton, Steven, Butler, McBride, Morsello.
Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Thompson, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, Maier, McQuarrie, Stewart, Senkalski, Todd (Milosevic), Brandt.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) —
SYDNEY CITY.....(1) —
(Match abandoned after 32 minutes — awarded to Sydney City)

Pratten Park

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Ziras, Stankovic, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Soper, Patalis, Ogun, Kalantzis.
Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, Gomez, Cant, Kay, Watson, Barnes, P. Falconer, Kosmina, Lee.

NORTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Syd. Croatia	18	11	5	2	41	19	27
2. Marconi	18	11	5	2	40	20	27
3. Syd. City	17	11	4	2	33	17	26
4. Syd. Olympic	18	10	1	7	22	21	21
5. St. George	18	6	6	6	26	22	18
6. Blacktown City	18	7	3	8	27	23	17
7. Canberra City	18	6	5	7	26	28	17
8. Inter Monaro	18	6	4	8	26	34	16
9. Leichhardt	17	6	1	10	19	29	13
10. Penrith City	18	3	6	9	20	26	12
11. Newcastle	18	3	4	11	17	36	10
12. Wollongong	18	3	4	11	20	42	10

ROUND 18
Southern Division

7th July
FOOTSCRAY.....(0) 1
Paton
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 2
Bassingthwaite, Wright

Schintler Reserve

Footscray: Boland, Barjaktarevic, Kyriakouleas, MacLeod, Karic, Tapai, Belic, Bonacic, Buljevic (Lazopoulos), Paton, Lujic.
Brisbane Lions: Evans, D. Hunter, Vasques (Jackson), A. Hunter, Niven, Bassingthwaite, R. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh (Anderson), J. Stewart, Wright.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Crino

Chaplin Reserve

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Bennett, James, Richardson, Taylor, Faulkner, McLaren (Lennon), Bain, Mitten, Gilder, Latif.
South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, McDowell, Blair, Postecoglou, Kanesoulis, Halford, Crino, Kalageros (Vardaxis), Brown, Egan.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 2
Campbell, Cumming

Olympic Park No. 1

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Antolovic, House, Biskic, Cristaldo (Markovac), Curovic, Gojevic, Ward, Ljubic.
Green Gully: Denys, Young (Smart), McLelland, Cannell, Hogben, Cumming, Williams, Smallman, Lucchesi, Lewis, Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 2
Villani, Brown (O.G.)
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 1
Sweeney

Olympic Sports Field

Adelaide City: Niscoli, Santrac, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin (Luongo), Melta, Northcote, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.
Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Cullen, Sweeney, Zinni.

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 0

Spencer Park

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Junna, Pimblett, Hamilton, Fabrizio, Reis (Scriggins), Carey.
West Adelaide: Crook, Genikas, Honeyman, Hiern, Moussoulis (Papadopoulos), Atsalas, Manou, Panagis, Stamatelopoulos, Price, Stefanopoulos.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 0
PRESTON.....(0) 0

Olympic Village

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Metaxas, Winn, Tasios, Selemidis, Stevenson, Tsolakis.
Preston: Traianedes, McMillan, Dunn, Dobson, Heys, Ilioski, Petrov, Opasinis, Lane, Cole, Spink.

SOUTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. South Melb.	18	11	4	3	30	19	26
2. Brunswick U.J.	18	10	5	3	29	17	25
3. H'berg Utd.	18	8	6	4	26	15	22
4. Melb. Croatia	18	9	4	5	23	13	22
5. Preston	18	8	3	7	25	24	19
6. Sunshine G.C.	18	6	6	6	18	16	18
7. Adelaide City	18	6	4	8	28	30	16
8. Brisbane Lions	17	6	4	7	17	22	16
9. Brisbane City	17	6	3	8	23	31	15
10. West Adelaide	18	5	4	9	20	28	14
11. Green Gully	18	4	5	9	17	24	13
12. Footscray	18	3	2	13	18	35	8

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Since its formation in 1948, Juventus Soccer Club has had two purple patches. The first was between 1953 and 1956 when the club won the, then, First Division four years in succession.

The second was in 1969-1970, particularly season 1970 when the club swept the board, winning the State League Championship, the Dockerty Cup and the State League Cup.

Juventus fans still look back with nostalgic yearning to that great team of 1970, coached by Tony Boggi.

And what giants they were!

In goal was Australia's premier goalkeeper, Jack Reilly, who went on to play in the 1974 World Cup Finals for Australia.

The full-backs were Pat Della Rocca, Juve's longest-serving player ever, and Keith Lakey. The half-back line comprised Scotsmen Bobby Thomson, Jock Goodwin and Welshman Gareth Salisbury.

Up front were the League's top goalscorers that year, Englishman Bryan Thomson and local boy Dino de Marchi.

But great as that team was Juve stalwarts are beginning to say that the present team will outshine even the 1970 one.

Certainly the opposition is tougher.

Last year, under John Margaritis, after a lot of soul-searching, the Black and Whites joined the National League, and finished a creditable fifth.

Of the team that left the State League only four players remain, goalkeeper Sean Keogh, centre-back Paul Drinoczy, and strikers Andrew Zinni and Robert Cullen.

Juve hasn't hesitated to spend money, picking up Australia's costliest player ever, Yakka Banovic, for whom Derby County paid Heidelberg $300,000 . . . he was a 'steal' at $14,000 from Croatia.

Fullback Peter Lewis, six times an Australian International, came from Croatia last year for $18,000. Paul Wade, last year's Southern Division player of the year, transferred from Green Gully for $5,000, and Joe Sweeney, a much travelled and experienced player came from Croydon City for $8,000.

But probably the biggest bargain of them all will eventually prove to be Mike Peterson.

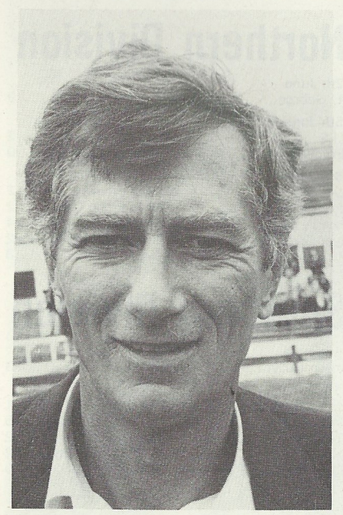
Petersen, whose father Hans played for Australia in the late '50's, won the Metropolitan player of the year award with Port Melbourne in 1983. Last year he transferred to Heidelberg, played a handful of games and then went to Holland in the close season to try his luck. When he came back to Heidelberg, he found he didn't figure in coach Brian Garvey's plans, but the shrewd John Margaritis snapped him up for $8,000. It was a real rags to riches, Roy of the Rovers affair after that. Margaritis, who is Frank Arok's Southern Division assistant coach, recommended Petersen for the Socceroos, and in the Adelaide match against Udinese, Petersen came on as sub and scored the winning goal after being on the field only four minutes.

Of Petersen, Arok says, 'He's a second Alan Davidson, he can play anywhere up front, midfield, fullback, even sweeper', high praise indeed. ***L.S.***

Back row (left to right): Joe Sweeney, Eddie Campbell, Yakka Banovic, Sean Keogh, Paul Wade, Peter Lewis, Richard Miranda, Fabio Incantalupo. Front row (left to right): Joe Palatsidis, Frank Geremia, Brian Brown (and mascot), Andrew Zinni, Robert Cullen, John Dowie.

THE JUVENTUS RECORD

1949	Promoted to Victorian Second Division after winning every game in Third Division.		and also the State League Cup.
1951	Promoted to Second Division.	1959	Won Ampol Cup.
1952	Won First Division and Armstrong Cup Reserves.	1960	Won Dockerty Cup.
1953-56	First Division champions four years in succession.	1966	Won Armstrong Cup.
1955	Won Armstrong Cup.	1969	State League Champion.
1958	Won the new State League	1970	State League champion, won Dockerty and State League Cups.
		1971	Won Dockerty Cup.
		1972	Won Dockerty Cup.
		1973	Won Dockerty Cup.



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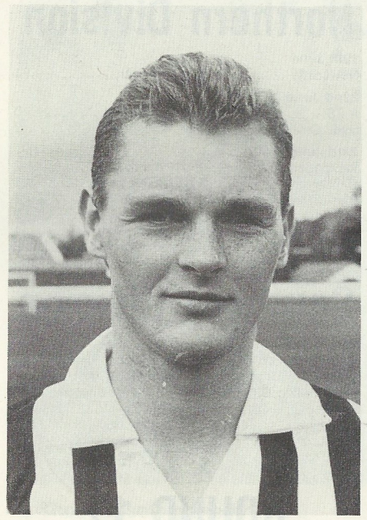

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 12

Northern Division

26th May

Marconi	1	v	Syd. Croatia 1
Syd. Olympic	0	v	Newcastle 3
Canberra City	1	v	Inter Monaro 1
Blacktown City	2	v	Syd. City 2
Wollongong City	2	v	Leichhardt 0
St. George	P	v	Penrith City P

Southern Division

26th May

Heidelberg Utd	3	v	Sunshine G.C 2
Preston	4	v	Footscray 0
Green Gully	1	v	South Melbourne 4
Brunswick U.J.	5	v	Frankston Pines 0
Nunawading City	3	v	Croydon City 1
Fawkner	1	v	Melbourne Croatia 1

ROUND 13

Northern Division

2nd June

Inter Monaro	5	v	Blacktown City 3

Remainder of games deferred.

Southern Division

2nd June

Footscray	1	v	Heidelberg Utd 2
South Melbourne	1	v	Preston 2
Green Gully	2	v	Brunswick U.J. 3
Frankston Pines	2	v	Nunawading City 3
Croydon City	2	v	Fawkner 1
Melbourne Croatia	2	v	Sunshine G.C 0

ROUND 14

Northern Division

8th June

Syd. Olympic	2	v	A.I.S. 4

9th June

Marconi	3	v	Inter Monaro 1
Blacktown City	3	v	Penrith City 1

10th June

Canberra City	1	v	Syd. Olympic 4
Leichhardt	0	v	Inter Monaro 0
Wollongong City	5	v	Syd. City 2
Syd. Croatia	1	v	Newcastle 0

Southern Division

10th June

Brunswick U.J.	0	v	Preston 0
Nunawading City	0	v	Green Gully 2
Fawkner	2	v	Frankston Pines 4
Sunshine G.C.	4	v	Croydon City 1
Footscray	0	v	South Melbourne 3
Heidelberg Utd	0	v	Melbourne Croatia 0

ROUND 15

Northern Division

12th June

St. George	4	v	Marconi 9

15th June

A.I.S.	2	v	Marconi 2
Newcastle	1	v	St. George 0

16th June

Syd. City	1	v	Syd. Croatia 2
Inter Monaro	0	v	Wollongong City 2
Penrith City	2	v	Leichhardt 4
Syd. Olympic	1	v	Blacktown City 2
Marconi	1	v	Canberra City 3

Southern Division

15th June

Green Gully	2	v	Fawkner 3

16th June

Melbourne Croatia	4	v	Footscray 1
Croydon City	2	v	Heidelberg Utd 5
Frankston Pines	1	v	Sunshine G.C 2
Preston	0	v	Nunawading City 2
South Melbourne	1	v	Brunswick U.J. 0

ROUND 16

Northern Division

19th June

Newcastle	2	v	Marconi 1

22nd June

A.I.S.	2	v	Newcastle 0
Syd. Croatia	0	v	Wollongong City 2

23rd June

Wollongong City	0	v	Penrith City 2
Canberra City	0	v	Newcastle 1
Blacktown City	0	v	Marconi 1
Leichhardt	0	v	Syd. Olympic 2
Syd. Croatia	3	v	St. George 1
Syd. City	3	v	Inter Monaro 2

Southern Division

23rd June

Heidelberg Utd	6	v	Frankston Pines 1
Melbourne Croatia	1	v	Croydon City 0
Nunawading City	1	v	South Melbourne 1
Fawkner	1	v	Preston 2
Sunshine G.C.	0	v	Green Gully 1
Footscray	2	v	Brunswick U.J. 2

ROUND 17

Northern Division

29th June

Syd. City	2	v	Marconi 0
Newcastle	2	v	Blacktown City 4
A.I.S.	2	v	St. George 4

30th June

A.I.S.	2	v	Newcastle 0
Syd. Croatia	0	v	Wollongong City 2

23rd June

Penrith City	1	v	Syd. City 3
Marconi	1	v	Leicchardt 2
Syd. Olympic	2	v	Wollongong City 0
St. George	0	v	Canberra City 1

Southern Division

30th June

Croydon City	3	v	Footscray 3
Frankston Pines	0	v	Melb. Croatia 2
Green Gully	2	v	Heidelberg Utd 3
Preston	2	v	Sunshine G.C 1
South Melbourne	6	v	Fawkner 0
Brunswick U.J.	8	v	Nunawading City 0

ROUND 18

Northern Division

3rd July

Leichhardt	0	v	St. George 2

4th July

A.I.S.	2	v	Canberra City 5

6th July

A.I.S.	6	v	Syd. Croatia 1

7th July

Blacktown City	1	v	St. George 2
Leichhardt	0	v	Newcastle 0
Syd. Croatia	0	v	Canberra City 1
Wollongong City	7	v	Marconi 1
Syd. Olympic	0	v	Syd. City 1
Inter Monaro	1	v	Penrith City 0

YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Wollongong**	18	13	0	5	41	23	26
2. **Canberra City**	17	11	3	3	35	22	25
3. **Syd. City**	16	9	3	4	40	19	21
4. **Newcastle**	18	9	2	7	23	20	20
5. **Leichhardt**	17	7	5	5	23	20	19
6. **St. George**	17	8	2	7	32	35	18
7. **Inter Monaro**	19	7	3	9	27	40	17
8. **A.I.S.**	14	6	4	4	39	30	16
9. **Syd. Croatia**	19	5	5	9	26	34	15
10. **Blacktown City**	17	6	2	9	30	35	14
11. **Marconi**	19	4	6	9	34	41	14
12. **Syd. Olympic**	19	4	5	10	25	37	13
13. **Penrith City**	18	4	2	12	23	42	10

Southern Division

7th July

Fawkner	0	v	Brunswick U.J. 3
Sunshine G.C.	1	v	South Melbourne 2
Footscray	2	v	Nunawading City 2
Heidelberg Utd	1	v	Preston 1
Melbourne Croatia	1	v	Green Gully 1
Croydon City	2	v	Frankston Pines 2

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **H'berg Utd.**	18	13	1	4	68	28	27
2. **South Melb.**	18	12	3	3	38	18	27
3. **Brunswick U.J.**	18	10	6	2	61	20	26
4. **Melb. Croatia**	18	10	5	3	40	15	25
5. **Preston**	18	10	5	3	41	21	25
6. **Footscray**	18	8	3	7	34	33	19
7. **Green Gully**	18	8	2	8	40	25	18
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	18	6	3	9	36	27	15
9. **Nunawading**	18	4	5	9	18	49	13
10. **Fawkner**	18	3	3	12	21	62	9
11. **Croydon City**	18	2	2	14	14	63	6
12. **Frankston P.**	18	2	2	14	20	71	6

A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

Sydney might have turned on the wettest May for many a year but out Blacktown way it was all sunshine.

The reason for the burst of sunshine around Blacktown City Soccer Club was Kevin (Mighty Mouse) Keegan, unquestionably the most popular and best received guest player to appear in the NSL.

The sheer success of the Keegan promotion, the way the man conducted himself with administrators, the media, players, sponsors and especially young fans was a revelation.

It left those clubs interested in securing guest players asking themselves, "Well, how do we top the Keegan promotion?" In the past certain clubs have had less than bountiful experiences with guest players who made no secret of the fact that they were treating their Australian sojourn as nothing more than a holiday. Now, Kevin Keegan has set the yardstick by which all other guests will be judged.

That will probably be a bit unfair because there are very few players in the world who can offer what Keegan has. An energetic player who likes to get involved, he does enough in the context of any game to show even those with little understanding of soccer that he is a good footballer. This is a great asset because clubs who engage guest players realise that among the spectators who come to see the stars are those who are not regular soccer fans.

With due deference to Europeans and South Americans, it is a tremendous bonus that Keegan is a great communicator in the English language. Not only has he become a household name in Australia through his appearances on televised English soccer, but he uses the English language to maximum benefit. As an after-dinner speaker he is an absolute joy to listen to. Conversely, he is a pretty good listener himself because in the short time he was here Kevin picked up on the burning issues facing Aussie soccer and offered informed and incisive comments on them.

Those assets gained him maximum media exposure, something that would not have been possible for somebody less skilled in communicating in English.

So impressed was the media that one prominent daily immediately polled coaches to determine their opinions on the contribution of guest players to the NSL.

General concensus was, "Guest players are fine — providing you get the right ones".

And by the "right ones" they mean somebody like Kevin Keegan. Just ask the 14,000 who crammed the into Marconi Stadium; ask the media who were impressed by his quotability and co-operation; ask all Blacktown players who were honoured to play in the same team. Especially, ask the kids who were thrilled to discover a super star who had so much time for them. They'll all tell you: "Kevin Keegan — he's a hard act to follow".

Neil Jameson

STAR SPOT

Full name: Oscar Crino

Birthplace and date: Buenos Aires, 9/8/62.

Home: Springvale

Car: Kingswood

Previous clubs: Footscray, Tung Sing (Hong Kong), Brunswick Juventus.

Team you supported as a boy: Independente.

Football hero of childhood: Pele.

Most memorable match: Australia Youth v Argentina 1981.

Biggest thrill: Winning '84 Championship.

Biggest disappointment: Not winning Youth Championship 1981.

Superstitions: None.

International honours: Youth & Senior Socceroo.

Favourite other sport person: John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Tennis.

Hobbies: Playing sport.

Favourite actor/actress: Dudley Moore, Candice Bergen.

Favourite TV show: Dallas.

Favourite musicians: INXS.

Biggest influence on career: Pepe Dugina (Footscray youth coach).

Favourite current players: Rush, Platini.

Ambitions for 1985: Injury-free season.

Long term ambitions: Probably coaching.

After soccer career is over: Get set up in own business.

OSCAR CRINO

SOUTH MELBOURNE

MEN WITH THE WHISTLE

No.4 ● TIM DAVIES

What referee holds the all-time goalscoring record for the NSW State League?

What ex-FIFA referee is so disillusioned with the refereeing scene that he is considering quitting at the end of this season, three years ahead of his normal retirement date?

No, this is not a new version of Trivial Pursuit, the answer's the same to both questions.

The referee is Tim Davies, without question one of the country's top half-dozen whistlers.

Before he became a referee, Tim was a striker of renown with Granville and then Melita. It was whilst he was at Melita in the '60's that he scored seven goals in one match and that record still stands today.

Tim Davies was born in the London suburb of Richmond on May 24, 1938, and served his apprenticeship as an electrician, playing in his spare-time in the famous Amateur league, Athenian, for Hounslow Town. Then, after a spell working in Switzerland, he came out to follow his trade as an electrician in Sydney in 1961.

Four years later, he started his own electrical contracting business, and as the business has grown he has found combining business and soccer increasingly difficult.

But business is not the only reason why Tim wants to quit. He says that over the last few years he has become increasingly disillusioned with the whole refereeing scene, both internationally and locally.

Davies got into refereeing when he found that being self-employed didn't allow him enough time for training as a player, and the man who refereed his last game with Melita, Keith Lockrey, now a referee's inspector, persuaded him to take on refereeing.

"I was always very confident", he says, "and I thought I knew it all about the Laws, having played the game at a decent level. But I was soon brought back to earth when I fluffed my first exam."

Nevertheless, Davies passed and became a Class three referee, and his rise after that was rapid, and he became a Class One ref after only five years.

"I'll never forget my first State League match", he says with a chuckle. "It was at Wollongong in 1966 and just before the game, my linesman, Malcolm Buchanan, who is now an inspector, sold me a new watch. It was a fob watch, and in the course of pulling it several times out of my pocket in the first half, it stopped. I signalled to Malcolm, waving the offending watch, and indicating that I wanted to know how long to go. He stuck up two fingers, and so, accordingly I blew for half-time two minutes later. As we walked off the field he fell into step beside me and said 'how come you played eight minutes short?' whereupon I said, because you indicated two minutes. 'Not at all', says he 'I was just telling you to get stuffed!'."

Stopped watches apart, though, nobody ever had cause to criticise Davies' refereeing after that, and his firm

handling of games like the Australia v Manchester United game in 1975 led inevitably to his nomination for FIFA recognition, and he gained his FIFA badge in 1981. However, he resigned two years later because a knee injury necessitated an operation which he thought, unnecessarily as it turned out, would impair his fitness.

After his operation, he resumed as well as ever, but says his disillusionment with the whole refereeing scene has grown apace.

"I think the problem starts with the inspectors," he says. "Young referees on the way up know that they are constantly being inspected and they worry too much about the marks they are going to get. You see, the problem is that some of the inspectors haven't reffed for 25 years and they are out of touch with the modern game and the players. The game is so much better now, it's faster and it's more skilful and it's harder to referee. People rave on about the great National team we had in 1974, but it wouldn't hold a candle to the present Socceroo outfit. The players are being treated more like professionals now and it is paying off. It was unknown in the early seventies for the Socceroos to go into camp for days on end as these boys do now, in fact I can well recall fellows like John Watkiss working until 12 o'clock on a Saturday then coming to the ground, boots in hand, to play at 3 p.m.

No, the game has grown more and more professional, but sadly, the refereeing scene hasn't kept up.

People have to realise that a referee has to keep refereeing at the top level to keep his sharpness. You can't maintain the same high standard if you are being switched from one division to another constantly. How long do you think the players would keep their form if say, Oscar Crino or Zarko Odzakov played one week in the NSL, the next week in State League and the next week in State League again before coming back to the NSL?

I believe the only answer is to pick the best eight refs at the start of the season and keep them on the NSL, with the next best eight being kept on the State league and so on right down through all the Divisions. At the end of the season there would be some promoted and some relegated, just as clubs are. After all, clubs stay in the same Division all the season, and refs should do the same. That way, we would eventually be getting refs promoted to the NSL who had at least 50 or more State League matches to their credit, and who wouldn't find themselves out of their depth, as they are when they are pitchforked into the NSL after only four State League matches, as sometimes happens now."

Davies says if he quits senior refereeing at the end of this season he will confine himself in future to coaching youngsters and refereeing the odd amateur game, and that would be a pity because his departure would be a big loss to top-class soccer. But before he finally and irrevocably blows his last farewell, he ought to talk to the NSL Management, he could be pleasantly surprised to find that their thoughts coincide with his and that there could be changes next year.

Les Shorrock

SBS TV TO COVER 1985 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RUSSIA

SBS TV, the only television station in Australia that consistently supports soccer, broke the good news as we were going to press that it will be exclusively televising the 1985 World Youth Championships in Russia, in which our young Socceroos will be taking part.

The station says it will provide an extensive satellite coverage of all the Aussie's games, plus the other major ones . . . presumably that will include the Final as well.

SBS was heartened by the very good response it had to its coverage of the previous World Youth Championships in Mexico and plans to make this year's coverage even bigger and better.

Australia kicks of the championships on August 24, when it meets the host nation, the USSR, in Minsk.

Australia's other opponents in the prelimary round will be Canada and Nigeria, with two of the four going into the quarter-final round. The Final will be played in Moscow on September 7th.

The Australian Youth Squad: Paul Jones (A.I.S.), Robert Hooker (A.I.S.) captain, John Gregson (Melita Eagles), Mark Jones (Newcastle-Rosebud), Aki Kotzamichalis (Melb. Croatia), Andrew Koczka (St. George), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), John Panagis (West Adelaide), Peter Petkovski (St. George), Lou Hristodoulou (A.I.S.), Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), Mick McClelland (A.I.S.), Sian Ingham (A.I.S.), Warren Spink (Preston), Richard Bassingthwaite (Brisbane Lions), David Sharpe (A.I.S.), Angie Postecoglou (South Melbourne), Mirko Runje (Melb. Croatia).

On standby: Darren Stewart (Newcastle-Rosebud), Pedro Ricoy (St. George), Tom Burke (Balga Perth).

COL McADAM BACK FOR ADELAIDE CITY

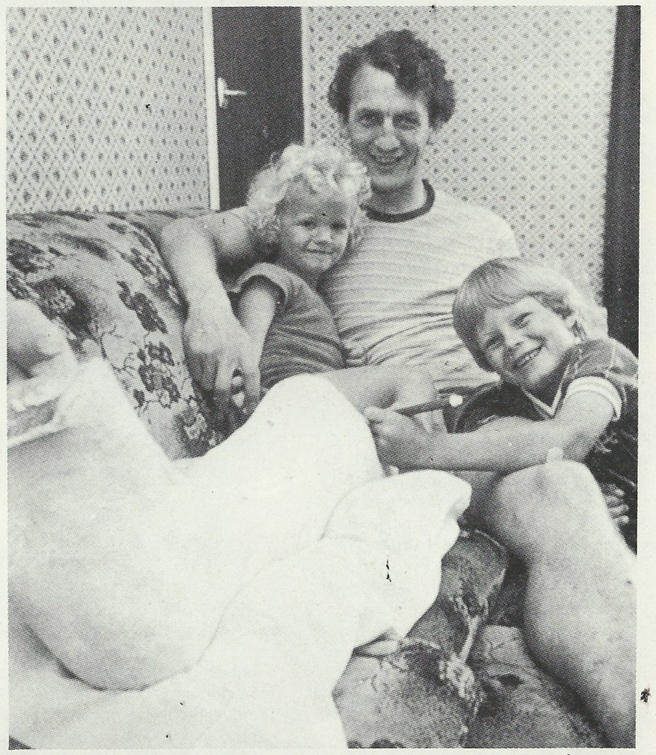
Rangers strong man Col McAdam is back in Australia, playing for Adelaide City. He will be hoping that he has better luck this time than he did when he played with Rangers on their tour of Australia last year. Then he broke his leg at the SCG, ironically in a tackle with Dave Mitchell, his team-mate at Ibrox who was playing for the Socceroos that day.

McAdam, a 33-year-old teetotaller, is a physical fitness fanatic, and is here on an 18-month visa with his wife and three children.

After starting as a Junior with Dumbarton, Colin moved to Motherwell for three years, then followed two years with Partick Thistle, and finally five-and-a-half seasons with Rangers.

He has played in almost every position in the field, and in his first season the 'Gers was top goalscorer with 23 goals.

He won a Scottish League Cup Medal in '83-'84, and a Scottish Cup Medal in '80-'81.



● FLASHBACK . . . Photo shows Colin with his sons, Kenneth (right) and Ross, just a few days after he returned from Australia with his broken leg in plaster.

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STAR SPOT

MIKE PETERSEN

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS

Full name: Michael Petersen

Birthplace and date: Melbourne. 6/5/65.

Height and weight: 6' 0" — 12 stone

Home: Chadstone

Car: Sigma

Previous clubs: Pt. Melbourne, Heidelberg.

Nickname: Jacko.

Team you supported as a boy: Ajax Amsterdam.

Football hero of childhood: Johan Crutff.

Most memorable match: Making debut for Heidelberg.

Biggest thrill: Scoring against South in the Conference Final.

Biggest disappointment: Losing that Final.

Superstitions: None.

International honours: Australia.

Favourite other sport person: John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Tennis — swimming — water skiing.

Hobbies: Sport.

Favourite actor/actress: Clint Eastwood

Favourite TV show: Match of the Day.

Favourite musicians: Bruce Springsteen.

Biggest influence on career: Guess!

Favourite current player(s): Charlie Egan.

Ambitions for 1985: Win the League.

Long term ambitions: To play at Wembley in a Cup Final.

After soccer career is over: ?

The International Series
Starting July 31st

Mr Peter Sheean, Commercial Director of the ASFM has finalised plans for the next International Series, which will start on Wednesday, July 31st.

The tournament will be starting a week later than was originally planned, and as a result, one of the overseas team, PSV Eindhoven of Holland will not be able to take part on the final day of the series, and its place will be taken by Victoria.

However, as an incentive to the Dutch club, the tournament organisers are offering an extra $10,000 to win its three games, against Australia in Sydney, and against Red Star and AEK of Athens in Melbourne.

Then on August 11, in Melbourne, Victoria will play against the team that finishes third, in the curtain-raiser to the final, between first and second.

Whilst PSV Eindhoven is leaving early, AEK Athens will be arriving late, on Friday August 2nd, to be exact, and will play PSV Eindhoven two days later in Melbourne.

Prizemoney for winning is $60,000, and who says that the Socceroos can't take it and the trophy to put alongside the one they won so convincingly last month?

To accommodate the tournament, Rounds 21 of the Olympic Airways League will now be played on the weekend of July 27th and 28th, instead of of August 10th and 11th, as originally planned.

The young Socceroos will play New South Wales at St. George Stadium on July 31st and Victoria at Olympic Park on August 4th as their final warm-ups before leaving for Russia.

THE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, July 31st — Olympic Park, Melbourne
PSV EINDHOVEN v RED STAR

Friday, August 2nd — St. George Stadium, Sydney
AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM v NEW SOUTH WALES
PSV EINDHOVEN v AUSTRALIA

Sunday, August 4th — St. George Stadium, Sydney
AUSTRALIA v RED STAR
Olympic Park, Melbourne
PSV EINDHOVEN v AEK ATHENS

Wednesday, August 7th — Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
AUSTRALIA v AEK ATHENS

Friday, August 9th — St. George Stadium, Sydney
RED STAR BELGRADE v AEK ATHENS

Sunday, August 11th — Olympic Park, Melbourne
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STAR SPOT

Full name: Steve Tasios

Birthplace and date: Melbourne, 31.7.67.

Height and weight: 5' 10" — 10½ stone.

Home: Armadale Victoria.

Car: None

Previous clubs: Sth. Melbourne Juniors and Malvern City.

Nickname: Tass.

Team you supported as a boy: Liverpool.

Football hero of childhood: Kevin Keegan.

Most memorable match: First senior game (against Footscray).

Biggest thrill: 1985 Buffalo Cup Final.

Biggest disappointment: Any time we lose to South Melbourne.

Superstitions: I always like to carry a ball out with me.

International honours: Vic U.16 & Socceroo Youth Team 1985.

Favourite other sport person: John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Squash, Tennis, any sports.

Hobbies: Playing sport.

Favourite actor/actress: Clint Eastwood.

Favourite TV show: Match of the Day.

Favourite musicians: Style Council.

Biggest influence on career: Henry Sass of Malvern and Brian Garvey.

Favourite current players: Oscar Crino & Diego Maradona.

Ambitions for 1985: To play in the Youth Champs in Russia.

Long term ambitions: Become a pro, good enough to play overseas.

After soccer career is over: Become a Phys Ed Teacher.

STEVE TASIOS

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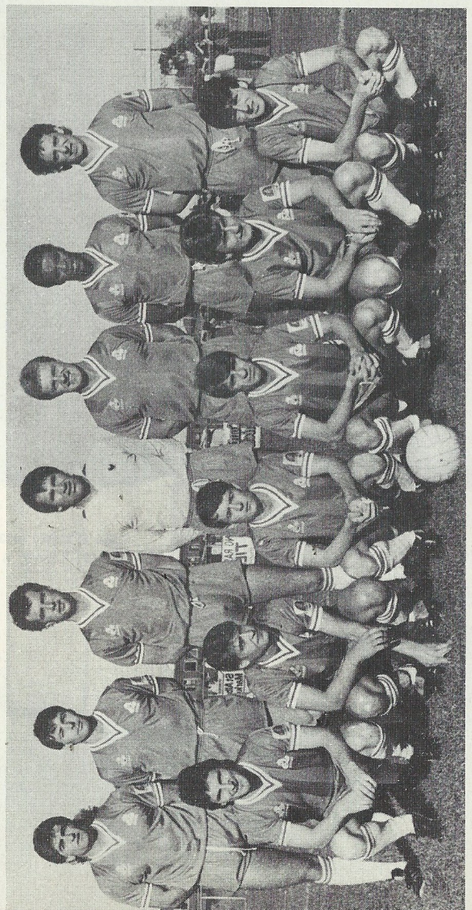

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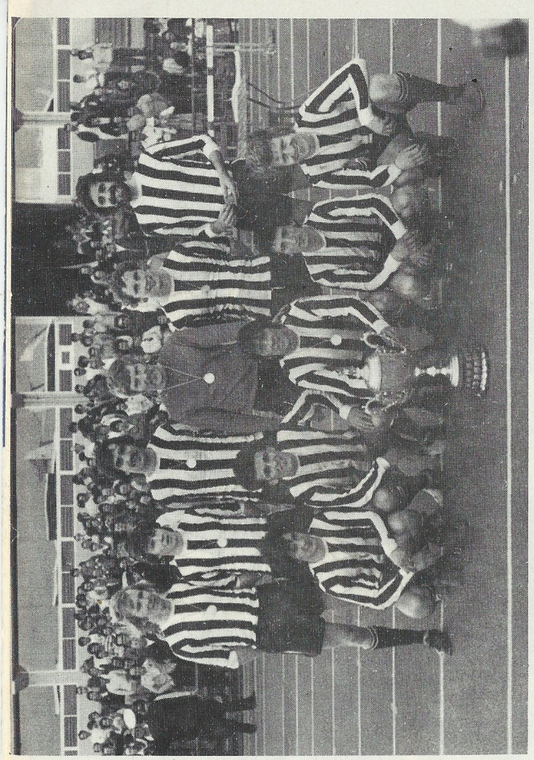

George Cross Dockerty Cup-winner 1978

Back Row: Derek Barron, Robert Cullen, Tony Castiello, Gerry Rice, Ken Reed, John Webb.
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The Sunshine George Cross Committee:

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Sunshine George Cross, the National League's youngest club was formed in November, 1982, when two stalwarts of the Victorian State League in Victoria, Sunshine City and George Cross decided to amalgamate. It was a marriage of convenience that benefitted both. The State League had lost some of its glamour and pulling power with the advent and success of the National League, and both clubs were in need of a boost. Neither looked capable of winning the championship, but Sunshine had the sole use of a good ground, with ebbing support, whilst Georgie, which had played at no fewer than 9 different venues in its 35 year history needed a stable base to bring back its big Maltese support.

George Cross came into being in 1947, during the post-war immigration boom and was founded by a group of prominent Maltese businessmen, who, fired by the exploits of their countrymen named the club George Cross after the medal conferred on the islanders for their gallantry.

One of the founders, Charlie Sandham was the club's first president, and he was followed by Danny Gatt, Lou deBono, John Micallef, Alf Attard, Paul Borg, Alf Zahra and now John Borg.

Immediate success

Georgie met with almost immediate success, promotion from the Third Division to Second in 1953 and then going up into the First Division the following year as Second Division champion.

It held its own amongst the big boys like Hakoah Juventus and JUST and when the State League was formed in 1958 it was a founding member and in that same year won its first major trophy, the Ampol Cup.

It followed that up by winning Victoria's oldest and most prestigious trophy, the Dockerty Cup in 1959, and although the Championship still eluded it, it won the Ampol again in 1961.

1964 was a glory year, as George Cross stamped its name forever on the all time honour roll by winning the Australia Cup.

In the Final in Melbourne it beat Apia 3-2 after extra time, with former great Archie Campbell scoring the winner before a delirious crowd of 15,000.

Georgie won the Armstrong Cup for Reserves in '76, after a third Ampol Cup success in 1974, but it wasn't until 1977 that the great moment came and the Cross carried off the State League championship.

In 1978 George Cross won the Dockerty Cup for the second time, under the guidance of championship-winning player-coach Billy Wilkinson.

In the seventies the club had its ups and downs, and it played on so many different grounds in Melbourne that the Georgie fans needed to carry a street directory with them.

The decade started off in 1971 with a crippling players' strike over a wages dispute, and stars like Kevin Walker, Lou Kastner, Jimmy Smart, John Pryde and John Gardiner were involved. The club transfer listed all the rebels but eventually, only Smart and Pryde were transferred, and John Gardiner went on to win the inaugural Rothmans Medal that year, amazingly, considering he had missed the first eight rounds of the League. Just to show that it was no fluke, he repeated the feat the following year. Gardiner must rank as one of the greatest players ever to come here from Scotland, and is now club coach.

The Shiners

Sunshine gained its name in 1950, as the former town of Braybrook became the city of Sunshine. It had started off as Western Suburbs in 1946, and because it numbered Wolves supporters amongst its founders, it adopted the famous old gold and black colours. After an up and down course for the first fifteen years or so, it made its mark in 1967 when it reached the Final of the Dockerty Cup. That was a big feat in those days for a club in the Metropolitan League as Sunshine was then, because the State League clubs were seeded and the Metro minnows had to battle down to a last four before being joined by the State Leaguers. That year, in the main rounds Sunshine beat Australian champions Melbourne and Fitzroy Alexander (now Heidelberg), before going down 3-0 to Slavia in the Final.

After finishing second to Slavia in the First Division in 1972, and again second to Mooroolbark in 1973, the Shiners finally won promotion to the State League in 1974.

The following season, 1975, they covered the gold and black in glory again, reaching the Dockerty Cup-Final, only to be thwarted this time by new giant South Melbourne, going down 2-1 as a result of a disputed penalty that Sunshine stalwarts to this day swear should never have been given. In the following year South won the State League, losing only twice, you've guessed it, to Sunshine 3-1 and 3-0, and in the second game at Middle Park, a tiny new star named Tommy Cumming scored a hat-trick. Sunshine finished ninth in 1975 and sixth in 1976, its best ever result, and of course that was the year of the old State League set up.

'76 The Best

Old Sunshine supporters say that the '75-76 team was the best ever, with Tommy Cumming, Kaz Piotrowski, 'Butch' Kokoska, Frank Mussel, Jim McRobert and Billy Johnson prominent. Ray Pocock, who later played for Melbourne, and Apia, Billy Rogers, who played with great distinction for South Melbourne, McRobert, Cumming, Peter Lewis and John Bernard all played for either Australia or Victoria.

The Amalgamation

The amalgamation came about after Georgie had spent 1982 sharing Chaplin Reserve with the Shiners. Sunshine's support and committee had fallen away to such an extent that it was having difficulty in finding a quorum for the AGM, and by the time Georgie proposed the merger, there were only seven active members left.

The amalgamation, of a primarily Maltese club with one that had been very much a British migrant one caused some heart-burning at first, but it was obvious that the two needed each other, and with George Cross assuring the Shiners that the Sunshine name would never die out, it became a fact. Some traces of Sunshine still remain, as well as the name. A new badge incorporates the old Sunshine one, and the club's colours are red, white and gold.

Shaky start

Like a lot of new marriages, this one got off to a shaky start.

In its first season, 1983, it finished fifth, only three points out of the four, but a massive eighteen points behind champion Green Gully. The next year, of course saw the splitting of the National League into two Conferences, and along with Green Gully, Melbourne Croatia and Brunswick Juventus, Georgie was selected to join the National (or Southern Conference).

The season turned out to be one long, unmitigated disaster as the Cross, unprepared as it turned out, for the big time, won only five games and finished a distant last, five points behind Brisbane City. George Cross would have been relegated, except that no Victorian State League wanted to be promoted, so it was reprieved.

Fair bet

Nothing daunted, the club set out again on the 1985 campaign, and looks a fair bet to finish in the five, propelled there by an unbeaten run of six games without defeat in May/June.

Remarkably enough, the personnel of the squad has hardly changed from the 1984 one, but the coach has.

Tommy Traynor, the club's first ever full-time coach was dispensed with at the end of last season, and the club turned to an old favourite John Gardiner, who had just completed a successful season with State League club Polonia.

John made a few changes, bringing with him Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder from Polonia, brought back goalkeeper Lou Kastner from Croydon, signed livewire Ossie Latif from Croatia.

But most of all he changed Georgie's style, from run and chase to a patient, possession style and it has paid dividends.

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Australia's Winning Coach

Interviewed by Neil Jameson

With one series of internationals just completed and another to be played in July-August as part of the Socceroos World Cup preparation, no man is under closer scrutiny than national coach **Frank Arok.**

The St George and Australian boss has reason to be satisfied with the Socceroos' progress, but there are tougher times ahead. Australia's World Cup campaign kicks off on September 21 with the international against New Zealand in Auckland.

To qualify for Mexico Australia not only must win the Oceania sub-group from the Kiwis, Israel and Taiwan, but they must then roll the runners-up of European group seven.

That means a home and away series against either Spain, Wales, Scotland or Iceland — all formidable opponents.

To discuss these challanges and Australia's World Cup preparation, Frank Arok met with NSM's **Neil Jameson** for an interview in which the coach spelt out just what he expects from his squad during the next six months.

Neil Jameson: What have you been looking for from the Socceroos in the internationals against Spurs, Udinese and Vasco da Gama?

Frank Arok: First and foremost, good international standard games from the players who are our so-called certainties. Secondly, a chance to check on the qualities of the newly-selected players. In one way the first point is secondary because we already know what the first 15 palyers are capable of. I'm not concerned about the little details as far as those players are concerned because from Greedy to Franken or Tommy McCulloch, all those players have been through all kinds of Tests during the last 20-odd internationals and they are proven.

NJ: How important are the newly-selected players?

FA: They're important because of the new qualities they might add to the squad. I'm talking about speed and different skills such as the contribution of Zarko Odzarkov or the finishing touch and acceleration of Jim Patikas, the versatility of Gerry Gomez. Of all the "side" selection, only Mike Petersen and Odzarkov have not been included in our camps at some previous date.

Robbie Dunne, Jeff Olver, Patikas and the rest had all been included at some stage or other. Bruno Vidaic was not fit enough. I spoke with him and he agreed he had six kilograms to lose. When he does that he will have something to offer.

NJ: The Socceroos trip to China and Europe late last year received some criticism. What were the benefits of the tour?

FA: It gave us the chance to judge the capacity of players to play every second or third day, how they travel, how they behave, how they fitted into the group and so on. We gained very valuable information about everyone. You can't find out about a player's strengths or weaknesses until you have been with him for three or four weeks on tour. When you are running a business such as this, it's important that the player make himself acceptable to the nucleus. The nucleus of this side is very hungry for success. Let's face it, there will always be problems within such a group but that is natural. If there were no problems, coaches managers and trainers would never be needed.

NJ: Much of your work has involved preparing the Socceroos to do well against the British style of football. Would you rather meet one of the British sides, or Spain from European group seven?

FA: I've always thought that Spain would finish first. But anything could happen there. Even Iceland have some impressive results. I've always said that I would prefer to play either Scotland or Wales because the British style is closer to our game. We know what to expect. But that would not be the case against the Spaniards who are capable of anything.

NJ: How much do you know about New Zealand's preparation?

FA: We saw them in England against England 'B' and Eddie Thomson was recently in New Zealand studying their game.

NJ: What about Israel?

FA: I was over there in April to see them play a friendly against the Republic of Ireland. It finished in a draw but it was quite an experience for me because Ireland had a good team. For Israel to hold them to nil-all in a game in which the home side was never really at panic stations or in any real danger was a frightening experience. At that time I thought they were better organised then us, they had better skills and better understanding. Our advantage is that we are a little bit stronger, faster and more aggressive.

NJ: However, it sounds like Australia has plenty of work to do before it can expect to beat Israel?

FA: I think by then we will be ready to produce our best. But we have to be thoughtful, purposeful and aggressive.

NJ: What plans do you have to include the Australian players who have been with overseas clubs?

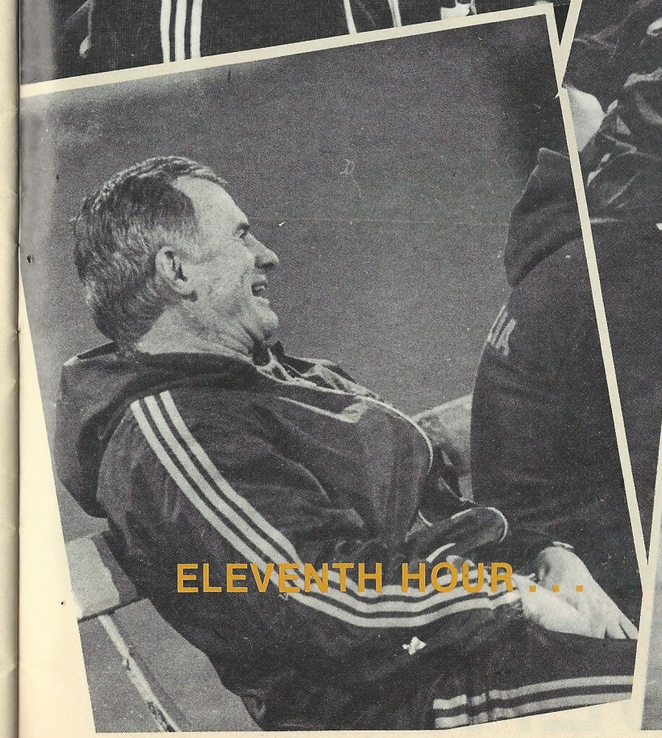
FA: For the time being I will stick with the established squad but players like Eddie Kerncevic, David Mitchell and Alan Davidson should almost certainly come into it later in the elimination series. I haven't had Krncevic in camp but the other two definitely rate among my best 12 players. But it must be said that regardless of who the player might be, it is a gamble to introduce anybody who might upset the unity of the current squad.

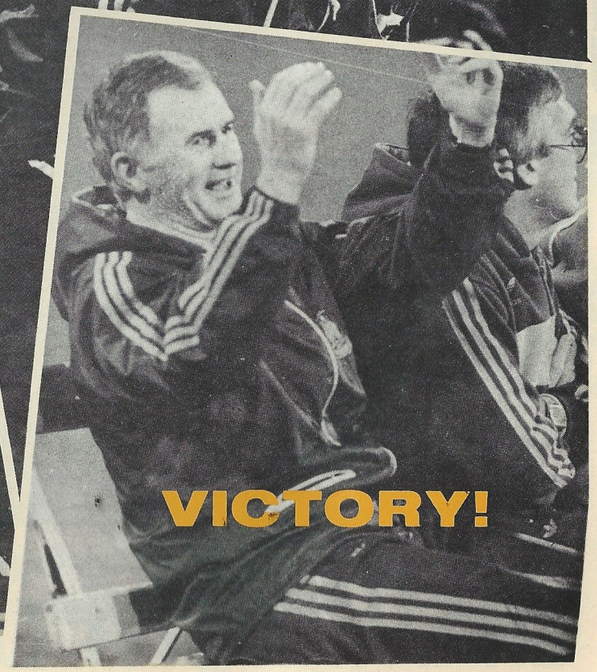
NJ: You are a great admirer of Marshall Soper. What are his strengths?

FA: He can make something out of nothing and his courage is extreme. When he is at his best he is one of our most valuable players.

NJ: What are the strengths of your basic squad?

FA: First of all, it's a unit. They fight for each other. Nobody is on the field just making up the numbers. For those reasons I'm not worried about commitment. They all want to succeed. If you've seen the side during the last two years, you can say anything about our performances, but lack of commitment — never! ■





STAR SPOT

Full name: Graham Jennings.

Birthplace and date: Newcastle NSW, 18/1/60.

Height and weight: 5' 10½", 12 stone.

Position: Left fullback.

Home: Belmore.

Car: Laser.

Favourite current player(s): Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, Chris Kalantzis, Tony Dakos, Peter Tredinnick.

Ambitions for 1985: Stay in Socceroos and get through World Cup qualifying rounds.

Long term ambitions: Be happy and play to ability, stay injury free.

After soccer career is over: Find a satisfactory profession and coach.

Previous clubs: Adamstown Rosebuds.

Nickname: Flash.

Teams you supported as a boy: Hamilton Azzurri.

Most memorable match: Under-16 championships final v Victoria, 1976. Northern NSW won and I scored twice.

Biggest thrill: Being told I was in Socceroo training squad 1983 after only four club games at left back.

Biggest disappointment: Tore medial ligament and missed most of 1980 season.

Superstitions: None.

International or other honours: 1979 Australia Youth. 1983-85 Socceroos.

Favourite other sports persons: Muhammad Ali, Bjorn Borg.

Favourite other sport: Basketball.

Hobbies: Guitar.

Favourite actor(s): Cary Grant.

Favourite TV show: Everything.

Favourite musician: The Beatles.

Biggest influence on career: Parents and Tommy Docherty.

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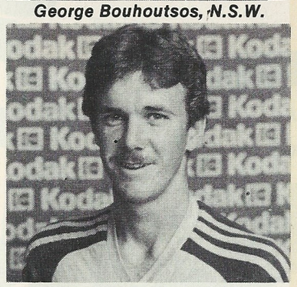
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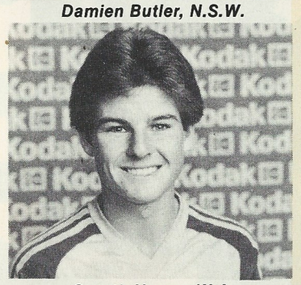
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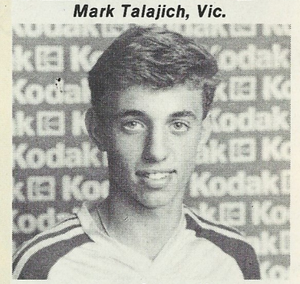
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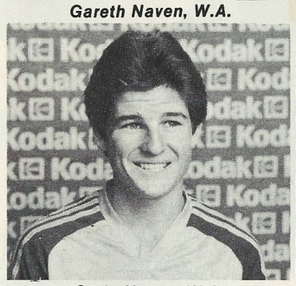
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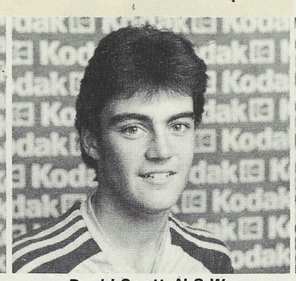
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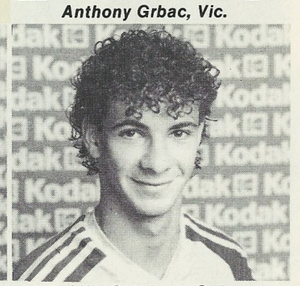
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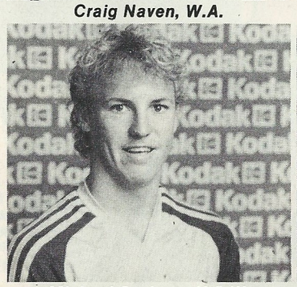
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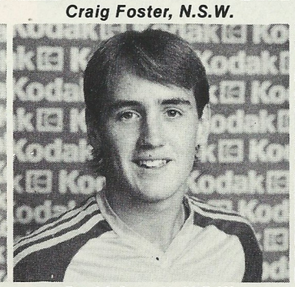
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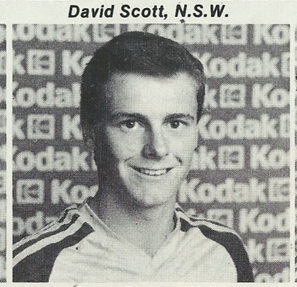
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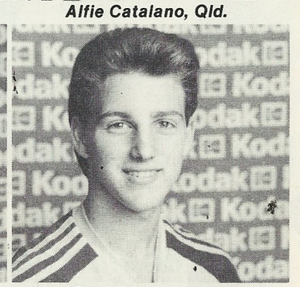
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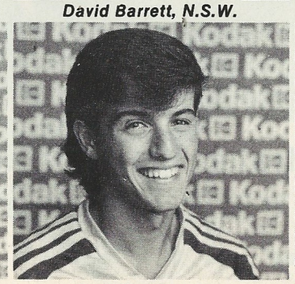
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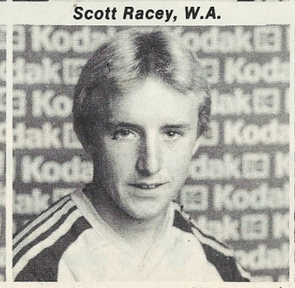
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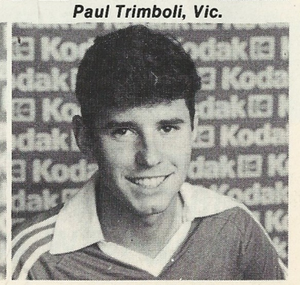
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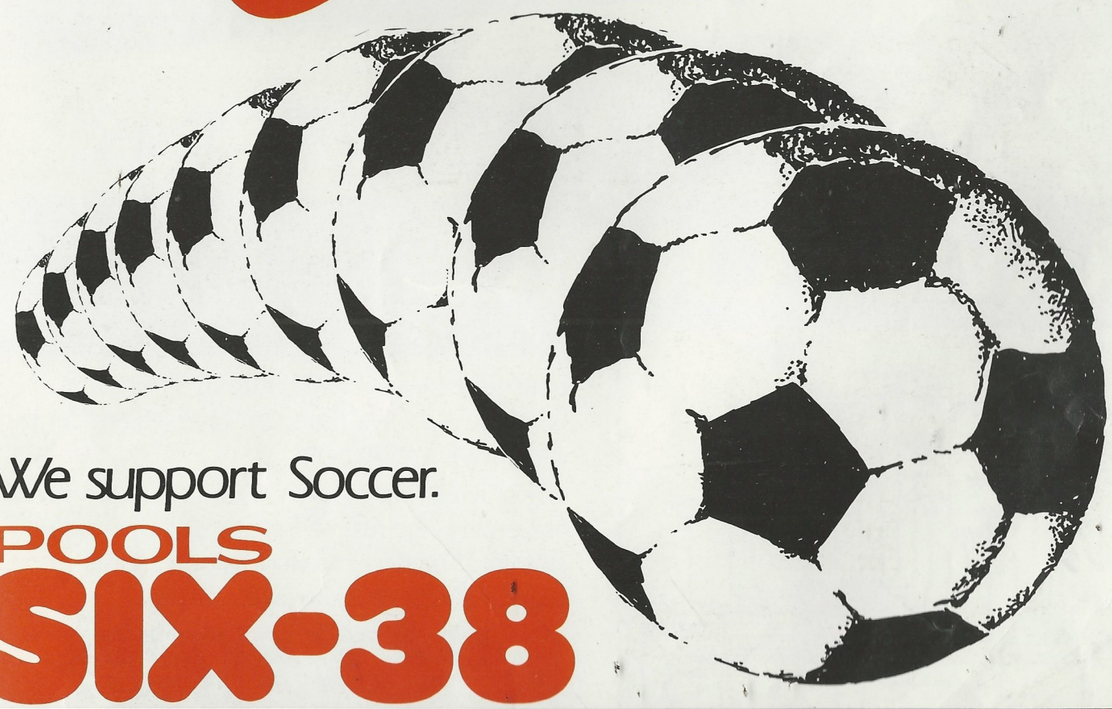

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